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Warning to 'boot boys in balaclavas'

Farmers fight back against veal blockade

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AND FRANCES GIBB

FARMERS gave notice yesterday that they were determined to continue exporting livestock to the Continent and would not be deterred by the possibility of violence from animal rights extremists.

As the courts paved the way for legal actions and potentially large damages claims against ports and airports, farmers' leaders said they would not allow "a tiny minority of boot boys in balaclavas" to stand in their way.

In a rare outburst of anger, Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, told cheering delegates at the NFU's two-day annual conference in London: "I am determined that we should be able to continue our lawful trade, and that means live exports.

"Farmers care about welfare. They care night and day and have been doing so for generation after generation. Animal welfare is not a fad or media trend. It is a 365-days-a-year labour. Caring for animals is a way of life. Let the militants who set out to hijack a genuine concern — a tiny but sinister minority of boot boys in balaclavas who believe they can help animals by terrorising them — let them just take note: the British people love animals, but they cannot abide extremism or political thuggery, whatever cause it claims to support."

In a letter to the Home Secretary, Sir David called for "an absolute assurance that the Criminal Justice Act and other relevant legislation would be used in the fullest way to protect farmers in their homes and in their work".

Sir David's anger was triggered by a suggestion last week by Compassion In World Farming that its members might picket farms.

As the farmers' stance hardened, a High Court judge said that port authorities at Shoreham, in West Sussex, could face damages claims from a ferry owner over their block on livestock shipments through the port. The trade was stopped on Sunday after Adur District Council said that Shoreham did not have the correct planning permission to accept livestock at the berth used by International Ferry Traders.

Mr Justice Smedley refused to lift the ban, but added that it amounted to a breach of contract that could lead to a claim for damages by International Ferry Traders. Port officials are considering whether to lift their ban.

In a separate legal action, a leading veal calf exporter won permission to bring a High Court challenge against a ban on flights of live animals from Humberside Airport. Yorkshire-based Albert Hall Farms was given leave to seek a judicial review after a judge ruled that the company had an "arguable case" that the block was in breach of European Union free trade rules.

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Cathedral funeral for veal protest woman

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT



Jill Phipps: died under the wheels of a lorry

THE funeral of Jill Phipps, the veal flights protester who died last week, is to take place at Coventry cathedral, it was disclosed last night. The decision has aroused fears that the service will elevate Miss Phipps to the status of animal welfare martyr.

The service will be a parish funeral conducted by Miss Phipps's parish priest, the Rev David Berryman, team rector of the Coventry East team ministry at St Peter's, Hillfields.

The Rev Lawrence Mortimer, of the Coventry diocese, said the family was offered the cathedral because St Peter's was too small. About 14 funerals are held at the cathedral each year.

The offer did not indicate support for the protesters, Mr Mortimer said. Details of the service had not yet been agreed with the family.

On Sunday the Bishop of Coventry, the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, visited the protesters at Coventry airport, where Miss Phipps died under a lorry last Wednesday. He urged them not to use violence. Animal rights campaigners clearly hope Miss Phipps's death, at the age of 31, will highlight their cause as much as suffragettes promoted women's rights.

Brigitte Bardot, who runs her own French animal rights group, praised Ms Phipps in an open letter to the *Journal du Dimanche*. She said: "Jill will go down in history as the Joan of Arc of veal."

John Butcher, Conservative MP for Coventry South-East, said yesterday that he hoped the funeral would not become an "animal rights showcase."



Allan Stewart in London after his resignation yesterday. He is the fifth minister to resign in 13 months

Minister quits in pickaxe dispute

BY JILL SHERMAN AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE Government was embarrassed again yesterday when Allan Stewart resigned as Scottish Office minister in one of the more bizarre departures of this Parliament.

Mr Stewart decided to quit after allegedly brandishing a pickaxe in a confrontation with anti-motorway campaigners in Glasgow on Sunday. He was interviewed by the police after the incident. He said he raised the pickaxe for his own safety.

After seeing Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary, yesterday he handed in his resignation to the Prime Minister.

Mr Stewart, 52, MP for Eastwood, insisted that he was going voluntarily, and said that as a backbencher he would fight the "wild and inaccurate allegations" made by the demonstrators.

Although many MPs thought he had little choice, the speed of the decision, and the quick appointment of George Kynoch, MP for Kindardine and Deeside, as his successor, helped to contain the damage. This was the fifth resignation of a minister in 13 months. The loss of a Scottish minister is particularly damaging, given the Tories low standing in Scotland where they have only 11 MPs.

In his letter Mr Stewart, under-secretary of state for Scotland since 1992, said he did not wish to be an embarrassment to the Government. "Having discussed the matter with my family I believe it only right that I resign and now wish to do so." It is understood that that Mr Major made little attempt to dissuade him.

George Gallie, Tory MP for Ayr, said: "Once again, we have had trial by the media."

Jim Wallace, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats said: "History records many cases of ministers who have fallen on their swords, but this must be the first one to fall on his pickaxe."

George Robertson, Shadow Scottish Secretary, said: "It is also a serious blow for an already deeply troubled Scottish Tory party. With the Tories commanding only 12 per cent of Scottish opinion it does not really matter who the faces at the Scottish Office are."

After the incident police questioned Mr Stewart's son Gareth, 16, about an alleged breach of the Firearms Act. He is alleged to have had an air pistol in the car and is the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

Tory HQ workers warned of job losses

BY ANDREW PIERCE

UP TO a quarter of the staff at Conservative Central Office were told yesterday that they face redundancy because of the slump in financial support for the Tories.

Jeremy Hanley, the party chairman, spelt out the details of the financial crisis at an emergency meeting at Smith Square with all 160 party workers. Mr Hanley, who has seen a further dramatic deterioration in corporate and local party donations since he took over last summer, promised a 30-day consultation period. He said that he could not guarantee that there would be no compulsory sackings.

Sections of the party headquarters at Smith Square which are thought not to be essential to the general election campaign will be shut down. Volunteers will be asked to take over the women's, ethnic minority and trade union sections.

The party's overdraft is about to go above £16.5 million again. The limited success Sir Norman Fowler, the last party chairman, achieved in turning the annual operating loss into a £2.1 million surplus is also over. The party is about to go into the red on the annual balance sheet.

One senior Central Office official said last night: "We are pared back to the bone. If there was a general election this year we would be in dire straits. Some of the brighest staff have already gone. Support is drying up. The atmosphere here is rock bottom."

There had been predictions that Central Office was preparing for its second wave of redundancies since shortly after the 1992 general election when more than 60 staff left.

Mr Hanley began his speech by saying that these reports were wide of the mark. "He then confounded us by getting up and virtually confirming everything we had read. It was a bizarre performance," said one member of the audience.

Rumbelows stores to close

Rumbelows, the electrical goods chain, is to close with the loss of nearly 3,000 jobs. News of the closure of 285 Rumbelows stores and 36 FONA outlets, a TV and hi-fi rental business, came as Thorn EMI, the parent, announced a 40-per-cent rise in profits Page 25

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Chechens give up battle for Grozny

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA yesterday claimed that it had finally overwhelmed the last remaining Chechen defenders of Grozny, and predicted that the bulk of the army would soon be withdrawn from Chechenia to make way for Interior Ministry troops.

"The army has routed the main armed bandit formations, destroyed a large number of heavy artillery guns and other hardware, encircled Grozny and seized strategic objects in the Chechen capital," a military spokesman was quoted as saying yesterday.

But General Aslan Maskhadov, commander of the Chechen forces, said at his bunker headquarters near the southern front: "It is not a retreat — it's a planned withdrawal. All we can do is fight on, to show not only that we want our independence, but that we are willing to die for it."

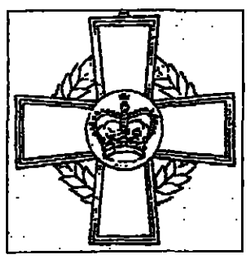
An estimated 5,000 Chechen irregulars have reportedly regrouped in the town of Gudermes, 25 miles east of Grozny, and others have taken up defensive positions to the south of the city. Although sporadic fighting continued in the Chechen capital through the day, it did seem clear that the Russians were pressing home their victory on Monday in street battles south of the city and that the Chechens were withdrawing. "It is planned that in the near future all army forces will be withdrawn from Chechenia, with the exception of units of the north Caucasian district," a Russian military spokesman said. "Russian troops have effectively compeleted their work in Grozny. The main task, to localise groups of militants, will be up to the Interior Ministry troops."

A group of Russian monitors, headed by Sergei Kovalyov, the Presidential Human Rights Commissioner, claimed yesterday that 25,000 civilians had been killed in Grozny since the start of the two-month Russian assault.

The Kremlin seems determined to pull its combat troops out of Chechenia as soon as possible in order to ease concern at home and abroad that Russia is becoming embroiled in a lengthy insurgent war, like the bloody campaign in Afghanistan.

However, over the past two months of fighting, the only competent Russian forces have been the marines, the paratroops and the mechanised infantry. Interior Ministry troops and paramilitary police have so far proved to be little match for the Chechen fighters.

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A bravery medal for all ranks

BY MICHAEL EVANS

A NEW military medal open to all ranks in the three armed services "for conspicuous gallantry and great heroism" was announced yesterday. The Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (above) will replace three existing medals and has been designed as part of John Major's attempt to eliminate a two-level honours system. It was approved by the Queen in December.

The medal will become the second most senior decoration for gallantry, next to the Victoria Cross. The Military Cross is third.

The CGC which can also be awarded to members of foreign and Commonwealth armed forces, will replace the Distinguished Service Order, when awarded to officers for specific acts of gallantry, the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

Shephard rejects school cash pleas

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, JOHN O'LEARY AND ALICE THOMSON

THE Education Secretary yesterday brushed aside demands for more money to fund the teachers' pay award, and suggested that schools and local authorities could find up to £1.5 billion to meet their bills this year.

Teachers' unions hit back, raising the threat of classroom disruption if employers sack teachers and expand class sizes to balance their books.

Gillian Shephard said councils could save up to £250 million by eliminating surplus school places and £500 million by cutting head office staff. In addition, she said, the 23,000 schools in England had about £700 million left over at the end of the last financial year.

Her department gave a detailed breakdown of the £700 million, showing, for example, that Hampshire had £26 million unspent from previous years and Essex had £24 million.

Her overall figure, disputed by Labour, was far in excess of the £160 million it would cost the Treasury to bridge the gap between the 2.7 per cent pay award expected to be announced tomorrow and the town hall funding increase of 1.1 per cent.

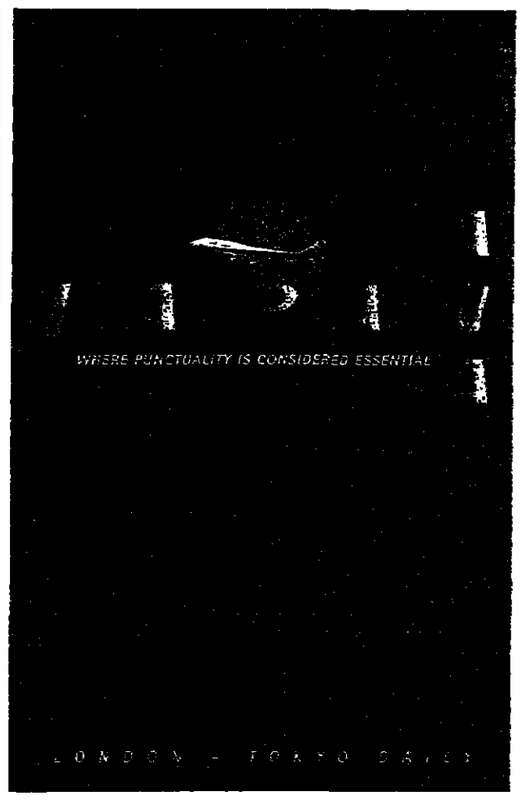
"If local authorities exploit these opportunities, they will have more to spend on teachers in the classrooms," Mrs Shephard said in a heated Commons debate. David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, said she had become an "unwilling pawn" of the Treasury. "This is a cut too far," he declared. "How can the nation face the economic and social challenge of the 21st century with a penny-pinching, underfunding, sanctimonious bunch of ne'er-do-wells running this country?"

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, wrote to Mrs Shephard saying that his members were already pressing for action over job losses and class sizes. With heads and governors, he made an eleventh-hour appeal to ministers to relax their controls on council spending.

But John Major and Kenneth Clarke joined the Education Secretary in dashing hopes of a last minute U-turn. Also, Whitehall sources confirmed the disclosure in *The Times* yesterday that ministers had rejected the option of phasing in the classroom pay award to ease pressure on councils and governors.

The Prime Minister insisted that the Government was delivering higher spending on teachers, support staff and books and equipment. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was equally unbending, saying that if county councils managed their affairs sensi-

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Antonio and Giovanni hit a low note


Sutherland: appeared stunned by spectacle

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

IT IS unusual to see Norma Major at the Commons, let alone Joan Sutherland. But yesterday both Sutherland and her biographer, Mrs Major, watched in horror from the Special Gallery as Norma's husband slugged it out on the floor of the House with Tony Blair.

Shrieks of "dimwit" from Major, and "disabled" from Blair filled the air, while backbenchers roared. Might Betty raise her baton and Dame Joan lead Norma and friends in Verdi's *Anvil Chorus*? It only needed an anvil and Allan Stewart's pick. Both women looked stunned.

As opera, however, the first problem Sutherland will have diagnosed in PM's Questions was that yesterday's soprano (the SNP's Margaret Ewing) was scratchy and shrill. Her unstructured aria about the rape of industry lacked generosity. Her gestures were wooden, and her voice cracked on "manufacturing base".

Then came Giovanni Maggiore, playing "Prime Minister". Dame Joan will immediately have spotted a difficulty this actor is having with the part. Maggiore is a soft baritone of limited vocal range, attempting what is essentially a tenor role in the heroic mould. Thus, in his quieter and more thoughtful passages he sings pleasingly, but where pitch and volume need to be raised Maggiore suffers a painful constricting of the throat which produces a sound not unlike that of a chainsaw in a distant forest. Yesterday was a case in point. The libretto of this scene, after Antonio Blair challenges Maggiore to say where he stands on a single currency (in the celebrated passage: "*Dammi una riposta: si o no?*"), calls for a thundering denunciation of Labour's Leader; but as Maggiore's recitative listing dates, criteria and agenda for the IGC Conference in 1996 swelled to its climax (with growling background *continuo* from the Tory chorus) there was a knotting of the vocal cords.

The climax itself — Maggiore's famous shout of "*cretino!*" (subtitled "dimwit!" at the Commons yesterday) — emerged more a strangled yelp than the full-throated denunciation for which the script calls. Shouts of Bravo from elements in the audience owed more to sympathy than admiration. Upstairs in the Gods a hissed chant of "Giovanni was my toyboy" from the tabloid scribblers was suppressed by the ushers.

Then came the second leading man, Antonio Blair, current heartthrob in Covent Garden and La Scala. Joan Sutherland may have sensed that for all his boyish good looks, this light and engaging tenor displays serious limitations in a leading role.

A deeper, richer timbre is called for: Blair has no reach into the bass register at all. Wherever an *appassionato* passage is reached young Antonio flips up an octave, his eyes rolling and his voice taking on an unpleasing metallic edge. The suspicion grows that we are listening not so much to an historic declaration as an irate telephone call. The "*Si o no?*" aria should have been majestic. The role calls for stature. Antonio Blair had none.

Observing Antonio's recent performances, an impression has grown in your critic's mind which may have struck Dame Joan, too. This tenor is not born to be an operatic hero: he is a natural stage villain. No Othello, Blair is an ideal Iago, Scarpia or dwarf Alberich. He could play the poisoner in *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Listening to Mr Blair on *Today*, I sense that his is a voice (like Clive Jenkins in the 70s) which the nation could come to detest.

The third miscast tenor to sing yesterday was Petruccio Ashdown. For him, surely, Puccini created Lt Pinkerton?

Angry Major brands Blair a dimwit in currency row

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR branded Tony Blair "a dimwit" yesterday after the Labour leader pressed the Prime Minister to say whether he would join a European single currency if all the conditions set by the Maastricht treaty were met.

In a stormy Commons confrontation he was accused by Tony Blair of weak leadership for failing to declare where he stood. But the Prime Minister said he would make no decision until he saw the economic conditions of the day.

With both sides of the House baying noisily, Mr Blair rose four times to question the Prime Minister as he sought to exploit renewed Conservative tensions over Europe. The Prime Minister confirmed, however, that the Government would be requiring new criteria, in addition to those specified in Maastricht, to be met before ministers even considered it appropriate to join a single currency.

He added that some years in advance of those being met it would be "unwise either to say yes we will proceed, or no we will never proceed".

It was his formula, agreed with Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Clarke, that carefully leaves open the prospect of joining a single currency, possibly in 1999. He said that when the other matters had been set out "we will then consider whether it would be appropriate economically or constitutionally to proceed".

When Mr Blair persisted by asking whether Mr Major would join if the conditions were met, Mr Major replied: "When and if these circumstances are met we will look and see whether it is appropriate and in the British interest to join."

After Mr Blair was given permission by Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, to make his fourth and final intervention, he told Mr Major that until he decided where he stood on the issue his "leadership will remain weak, Cabinet divided and Britain effectively disabled in Europe".

But an irritated Mr Major said that he would not take a judgment that was crucial to the constitutional future of the country until he saw the economic circumstances. "Frankly, only a dimwit would ask me to," he said.

Mr Clarke will use a speech tomorrow to set out the new factors that Britain would want to consider before deciding whether it was appropriate to go in. He is the Cabinet's keenest supporter of a single currency.

Mr Blair favours a single currency. His line, set out in Brussels last month is that if the conditions are met Labour must persuade Britain "that it is a step that is sensible and right to take".

JOEL CHANT


Sheila Halsall, the chairman of governors who fears her school must dismiss three teachers to stay within its budget, meets Dave Lovatt, the headmaster

Governors ready to resign over school budget squeeze

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNORS at Market Drayton Junior School have threatened to resign unless their budget for next year is increased. They estimate that the 460-pupil school must find savings of £63,610 after being allotted £459,390 by Shropshire County Council.

The governors, who say they need £523,000 just to maintain present spending, are frustrated by lack of budgetary room for manoeuvre. Some 87 per cent of the school's budget next year will be needed to pay its teachers. There is little fat to cut from the remainder after previous economies. Only £11,000 will be spent on books and equipment — less than £24 per pupil. Sheila Halsall, 49, the chairman of governors, said: "We will have to lose three or three-and-a-half teachers out of 17. My son would go from a class of 28 to one of 37. It would be the same for three quarters of children."

Ms Halsall and her 15 fellow governors met in emergency session last week and voted unanimously to resign unless the Government and Shropshire County Council found more money. Governors at a further 25 Shropshire schools have taken similar action in protest at an estimated £7 million education spending shortfall. One governing body has already quit. This year Market Drayton has had to use £21,000 from reserves earmarked for a building project to limit the impact of a 2 per cent cut. Even so, one part-time teacher was made redundant. Another teacher was not replaced and her pupils were added to other classes.

A package has been drawn up to save £6,000 next year by reducing lunchtime supervision, cleaning and secretarial and classroom support. The school aims to reduce energy consumption by 8 per cent.

But the only way of making the substantial savings required is by hacking at the wage bill. Governors argue that there is little scope for reducing the cost of contract cleaning (£10,700), insurance for supply cover for sick teachers (£10,700), school secretary (£9,000), classroom auxiliaries to help children with special needs (£9,000), caretaker (£9,500), repair and maintenance (£6,000), gas and electricity (£10,500), rates (£12,500), telephones and post (£1,500) and insurance against theft and vandalism (£1,500).

Ms Halsall acknowledges that forcing the council to take over the school would achieve little. But she maintains that threatening to resign is the only way to convey anger at the third successive and most severe year of cuts. "Governors identify with their own school and we are not here to set in motion redundancy procedures for teachers. We are not going to do the Government's dirty washing. We do not want to have to look at people we see so often and decide who should be sacked."

Ms Halsall became a parent governor in 1989 after someone persuaded her to stand after she asked a few awkward questions to do with budgets. "I wanted to make a contribution and do the very best for local children."

TEACHERS' PAY

Q. Why has teachers' pay become so contentious?
A. Government funding will increase by 1.1 per cent this year but there will be 1.5 per cent more pupils. Few authorities will have allowed for more than a token pay rise, and governors may have to shed staff to balance the books.
Q. How much are teachers paid?
A. The expected 2.7 per cent increase would produce a minimum salary of £11,900 for qualified teachers, rising to a maximum of £32,200. The range for head teachers and deputies would run from £23,700 to £53,500.
Q. Could local authorities bail schools out?
A. Only by raiding other services, as Birmingham intends to do. Most councils are restricted to an increase in spending of between 0.5 per cent and 1.5 per cent, but they are free to allocate grant as they wish.
Q. What will be the effect on class sizes?
A. Another 5,000 teachers will be needed to keep classes at their present size. Governing bodies without large reserves may have no option but to plan a further increase in class sizes.
Q. What happens if governors refuse to implement cuts?
A. Governors are legally bound to produce a balanced budget. If they refuse, the local authority or funding agency will assume financial control.
Q. What are the options for the Government?
A. The Treasury could make more money available to fund the award; pay could be raised in stages; capping levels could be eased; or ministers could place the onus on authorities and schools to manage their budgets. With ministers determined to keep the lid on public spending, the last course is the most likely.

Ministers reject cash pleas

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bly, they would have the resources to make "proper provision" for classroom budgets.

Egged on by Tory MPs who criticised the alleged waste and inefficiency of the many town and county halls now in Labour and Liberal Democrat hands, Mrs Shephard said there was enough fat in the system to accommodate the review body award without damaging education.

She conceded that councils faced a "tough settlement" this year. But said: "Local education authorities still spend millions on running their central bureaucracies and on maintaining surplus places in schools. Our latest estimate is that nationally schools held about £700 million in balances at the end of 1993-94. There is a very clear message to take from this: there is scope for very substantial efficiencies."

Mrs Shephard's tough stance won backing from Tory MPs who foresee a bigger political dividend in pre-election tax cuts than in higher classroom spending. However, James Pawsey, chairman of the backbench Tory education committee, urged an end to capping of council budgets and other Conservatives appealed for a more generous settlement next year.

Mr Blunkett argued later that many of Mrs Shephard's suggested savings were impractical and went against the Government's policies. "She must explain how this can be done in the context of local financial management of schools and grant-maintained schools without threatening the independence of schools and parental choice," he said.

Paisley seeks alliance against document

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IAN PAISLEY said yesterday that he wanted to join forces with the Ulster Unionists to oppose the forthcoming Anglo-Irish framework document. He spoke as Dublin stepped up pressure for it to be published this month.

The leader of the Democratic Unionists issued a warning that Northern Ireland faced a crisis and said that he hoped to establish a Unionist forum to oppose the "enemies of the Province". John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said he hoped to publish the framework soon because officials had almost completed it.

Irish officials are hoping that negotiations on the document will be completed next Tuesday, when Sir Patrick Mayhew and Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, meet in Belfast. That would then pave the way for John Major and Mr Bruton to launch the document at a summit meeting after their respective Cabinets have approved the proposals.

Britain is also anxious to publish the document soon to allay Unionist fears that the initiative will threaten Northern Ireland's position within the United Kingdom. It is now understood that the document will not outline in great detail the changes to article 2 and 3 of the Irish constitution, which lay claim to the territory of Northern Ireland, or Britain's Government of Ireland Act of 1920, which partitioned Ireland.

Instead the document will outline the principles that form the basis for the change, recognising that any change in the constitutional position of Northern Ireland can come about only with the consent of a majority in the Province.

A political source in Dublin said: "The aim is to take out the claws of territorialism — the idea that land gives rights. That is irrelevant. But equally we do not want to disown Irish people in the North."

Andrew Hunter, chairman of the Tory Northern Ireland backbench committee, said that Unionist fears about cross-border bodies would prove unwarranted. "I believe the document will show that the cross-border bodies can do nothing without the approval of the new Northern Ireland assembly," he said.

Mr Paisley underlined Unionist determination to reject the document when he said that he had held a rare meeting with James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist leader.

☐ A joint operation by the Irish police and army yesterday uncovered 12,000 rounds of IRA ammunition, stored in sealed barrels, in counties Meath and Westmeath.

CORRECTIONS

Zetters Pools have asked us to make clear that, contrary to a report (January 25), they have not 'frozen' their financial contribution to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts. In fact, they have undertaken that they will, for the whole of 1995, maintain their contribution of 7.5p for every 105p they take in stakes, provided that the turnover of their pools business does not fall by more than 15 per cent, compared with the same period of 1994.

Sir Robin Day has never had a heart attack as stated in an article (February 7). He had a heart bypass operation as a precautionary measure in 1985. We apologise for the error.

NEWS

Schoolboy drowned in swimming lesson

A public schoolboy drowned in the school pool without anyone noticing his plight, an inquest was told. Ian Lo, 14, a boarder at the £8,000-a-year Bedford Modern School, jumped in the deep end during an 80-minute lesson in which he was racing against another pupil.

The jury at Bedford heard how Ian, from Hong Kong, had started at the school 11 days earlier. When the last boys left the changing rooms after the lesson, Ian's uniform was still hanging on the peg. His body was found floating in 2.2 metres of water 45 minutes later by two older boys. The inquest was adjourned until today.

British beef boycotted

Meat processors and distributors in two German states are to boycott British beef because they fear it could be contaminated with "mad cow disease". Ministers in Schleswig-Holstein and North Rhine-Westphalia said that farmers, restaurant owners and retail chains also backed the voluntary ban. The federal Government is allowing a resumption of British beef imports.

Tory official arrested

The treasurer of the Penrith and Border constituency association of David Maclean, a Home Office Minister, has been arrested on suspicion of blackmail. Police are investigating allegations that David Hymers, 46, of Alston, Cumbria, tried to extort £10,000 from Royal Insurance Property Services after buying a computer at auction that had belonged to the company. Mr Hymers is on police bail.

Police warn West press

Photographers and cameramen covering the Rosemary West committal hearing at Dursley have been warned by Gloucestershire Police against orchestrating demonstrations outside the court. Eggs were hurled at the van carrying Mrs West from court on Monday and there were reports that they had been bought for demonstrators by the foreign press. Mrs West faces ten charges of murder.

High-tech help at hand

Residents in Newham, east London, will be able to use a new scheme to contact council staff, query welfare payments and report crimes to the police over live video links if an EU grant of £2 million is secured. The project, developed by the Metropolitan Police and Newham Council, involves installing touch-sensitive screens and computer terminals in homes and public places.

M11 £20m over budget

Protesters against the extension of the M11 in northeast London helped to push the cost of the link road more than £20 million over budget. The Highways Agency said yesterday that the additional security needed to protect construction workers and clear demonstrators accounted for most of the extra cost, equivalent to £6 million for each of the road's 3½ miles.

New editor at Observer

Andrew Jaspan, editor of *The Scotsman*, has been appointed editor of *The Observer*, Britain's oldest national Sunday title. Mr Jaspan, 42, has worked for *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* and is known as an aggressive cost-cutter with a liberal conscience. He is widely credited with reviving the fortunes of *Scotland on Sunday*, which he edited between 1989 and 1994.

Princess in demand



A record number of 75 press seats has been allocated for the High Court appearance next week of the Princess of Wales, left, in her action against Mirror Group Newspapers for publishing photographs of her exercising in a private gym. The hearing will mark the first time for more than 100 years that a member of the Royal Family has entered a witness box. Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, gave evidence in a slander action arising out of a card game in 1891.

Coroner warns C4 show

A Channel Four documentary series, *Dispatches*, has postponed a programme due to be screened tonight about the deaths of British soldiers during training after a coroner said it would be in contempt of court. Nigel Neville-Jones, the Poole coroner, warned against material that could influence the inquest into the death of Sgt Mark Powell, who died from gunshot wounds in Canada last year.

Cottage 'bomb' site

Bomb disposal experts have spent a week in a fruitless search for a Second World War bomb allegedly buried under a cottage in Louth, Lincolnshire, after a neighbour said he heard a bomb fall when he was a boy. The search was called because the executors could not sell the house with the possibility of an unexploded bomb. The estate agent said: "The place looks like a bomb's hit it."

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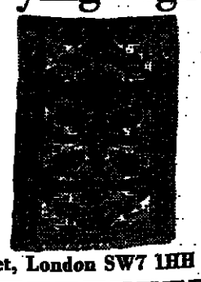
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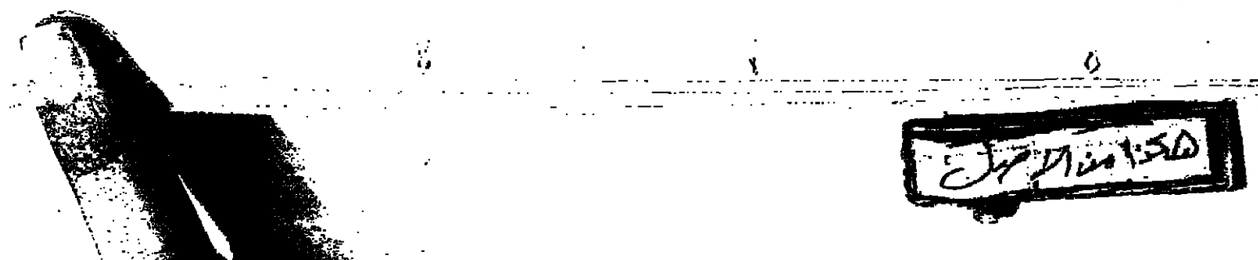
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Ring uncovered on Thames foreshore

Treasure seeker finds diamonds, gold and regal link

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A METAL-DETECTING enthusiast who has long scoured the banks of the Thames has at last struck lucky. He has discovered an early 17th-century gold ring with a unique diamond-encrusted design and fine workmanship that suggest a royal provenance.

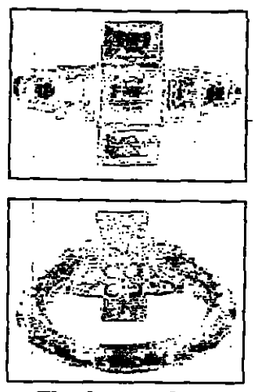
He unearthed it somewhere near Cannon Street station. The man, who wants to remain anonymous, stands to gain about £20,000 when it is sold. Rosemary Weinstein, curator of 16th and 17th-century collections at the Museum of London, which wants to acquire the jewel, said: "We have never seen anything like it. Its quality is so outstanding and unusual. There are diamonds all the way round the back of the hoop, on the underside of the finger."

The enamel on the inside, in a translucent green and mauve-blue is characteristic of the early 17th century, but the shade of mauve-blue is unusual in English jewellery, paralleled only in the 1610 Lyte Jewel, a pendant gift from James I, which is today in the British Museum. The workmanship of this item also suggests a royal link.

Mrs Weinstein added: "Because of its great quality and unusual character, it is important for museums and our knowledge of the period. We have seen so little of what actually survived from that time. If this went to auction, and disappeared into a private collection, it would be a major loss. The public would revel in looking at something of this quality."

There are two theories for how it ended up in the Thames. In the 1600s, passengers travelling up and down the river would disembark below London Bridge. At low tide, there was such a rush of water through the piers under the bridge that it was too dangerous to remain aboard. There are many contemporary reports and pictures of overturned boats and people drowning. Travellers would walk along the bank, and around the bridge (it took about ten minutes) and board the boat on the other side, at Dowgate. It could have been mislaid on that walk.

Alternatively, Mrs Weinstein suggested, the ring may be a token of a broken heart: until the last century, it was customary for people whose engagement had been broken off to toss their ring into the river. "It is impossible to tell whether this was a deliberate act or an accident," Mrs Weinstein said, "but it's quite a ring to throw away."



The ring seen from above and below

The National Art Collections Fund, the leading art charity, has pledged £10,000, believed to be half of what the Museum of London will need to purchase the ring. David Barrie, the fund director, described it as a "wonderful discovery". The Museum of London is trying to raise the rest of money through various public trusts.

The metal-detecting enthusiast is among 70 members of the Society of Mudlarks and Antiquarians who can be spotted with Wellington boots and spades exploring the muddy foreshore between Tower Pier and the Houses of Parliament, within the old walls of London. Their activities are strictly controlled by the Port of London: only society members are given a permit allowing them to dig. Even then, they can go no further than a metre down. Anything recovered must be shown to the Museum of London before being offered elsewhere.

☐ *Britain is being stripped of its archaeological heritage as treasure seekers using metal detectors retrieve coins and precious objects, it was claimed today (John Young writes).*

A study by the Council for British Archaeology calls for stronger measures to prevent illicit detecting and for improved relations between archaeologists and an estimated 30,000 amateur "detectorists".

The report, funded by English Heritage, states that illicit metal detecting on ancient monuments protected by law, and on working excavations, is "unacceptably high". Well-publicised finds, such as the Hoxne Treasure in Suffolk, are only a fraction of the total, most of which are never declared and disappear into private collections.

Under the law, hoards which consist primarily of gold and silver coins must be declared for a decision on whether they constitute treasure trove. It is also an offence to removed finds from a protected archaeological site. But Mike Heyworth, the council's deputy director, said yesterday that in his view all archaeological finds morally belonged to the nation and should be offered to museums where they could be seen by the public.

The council wrote to several hundred metal-detecting clubs and societies, asking them to canvass their members, but received only 69 replies. They alone reported 3,556 finds during the previous year.

The study says detecting clubs have probably found nearly ten times as many Roman brooches since 1988 as have archaeologists.



DAVID STEEN: SCOPE

Julie Christie on her farm in Montgomery, Powys, where she has devoted herself to nuclear issues, human rights and animal welfare

Christie defies nerves to stage comeback

BY DALYA ALBERGE

THE reclusive actress Julie Christie, who became a darling of the cinema after films such as *Dr Zhivago* and *Far from the Madding Crowd* in the 1960s, is staging a comeback in the theatre.

The news comes two years after the Oscar-winning actress disclosed that she suffered from stage fright and said she would never act on stage again. But Christie, 54, has been coaxed out of semi-retirement by Theatr Clwyd's production of Harold Pinter's *Old Times*.

She said: "I don't know if I am looking forward to the part because theatre is such an unknown territory to me." She said she was unsure whether the role would lead to any kind of acting comeback. Christie, who has retreated to a remote Welsh farmhouse in Montgomery, Powys, impressed audiences with her beauty and her sensitive performances but was often beset with nerves. She said a first day's filming was like going on stage for the first time — a "terrifying" experience.

She said she had stopped going to parties because the prospect was so frightening and revealed how a strict upbringing by nuns and nannies made her fear hearing her name called out in public. "When I collected my Oscar for *Darling*, I burst into tears because it reminded me of being called out in front of school assembly."

She also won the New York Film Critics' Award for *Darling* in 1964. The acting triumphs continued throughout the 1960s with the Donatello Award for *Dr Zhivago* in 1965 and the Motion Picture Laurel Award for best dramatic actress in 1967. But in spite of a successful decade when she was described as the "most beautiful and certainly the sexiest" film star in Britain, she talked of hating the sight of herself in the mirror and on screen. Although Christie made a number of films in the 1980s, she has primarily devoted herself to campaigning on issues such as nuclear waste, human rights and cruelty to animals. Yet, at the height of her success, she was the fantasy of every young man, including Warren Beatty, her most famous lover — with whom she starred in *Shampoo* in 1974 — and Cary Grant, who pursued her for a film he was casting after seeing her photograph.



The Sixties was a triumphant decade with *Far from the Madding Crowd*, left, and *Dr Zhivago*

Her most recent films include *The Railway Station Man* (1991), in which she starred with Donald Sutherland, opposite whom she played in *Don't Look Now* in the 1960s. For the past six years she has been the patron of the Aberystwyth Film Festival.

The Theatr Clwyd production will run from May 13 to June 10.

Judge frees soldiers who broke man's bones in 'ferocious' attack

BY ANDREW PIERCE

FOUR paratroopers who launched an unprovoked attack on a father of two escaped a prison sentence yesterday because a judge did not want to ruin their careers.

The soldiers, who were ordered to pay compensation and do community service, face possible disciplinary proceedings by the Army for the attack on James McGuire in Aldershot last September. Mr McGuire, 33, who was in hospital for ten days, has not been able to work since, is unable to pick up his children and faces a series of operations. He suffered two fractured arms, broken ribs and head injuries.

Judge MacLaren Webster QC, passing sentence at Winchester Crown Court, described the attack as a "moment of madness". He told the soldiers: "It will be of more value to your country to do some community work than for me to incarcerate you. The service you have given to your country must weigh in your favour. It will not repair the damage to Mr McGuire's broken bones if I were to ruin your lives and Army careers by sending you to prison."

Lance Corporals Stuart Baillie, 26, and Justin Woodcock, 22, and Privates Craig Harris, 23, and James Collins, 21, of The Parachute Regiment, were appearing for sentence after admitting at an earlier hearing unlawfully wounding Mr McGuire.

Baillie, who was celebrating promotion, was ordered to complete 200 hours community service, pay £4,000 compensation and costs of £175. Collins, Woodcock and Harris were ordered to do 180 hours community service, pay £3,000 compensation and £100 costs.

Imogen Robins, for the prosecution, said Baillie spoke to Mr McGuire when they were queuing to get into a nightclub. "Without warning Baillie punched him on the nose and another paratrooper came up."

Mr McGuire ran off but was tripped up and fell to the ground: "He was ferociously kicked by the four soldiers." Mr McGuire told the police he heard "cracking noises from my arms as they kicked me".

Julian Critchley, Tory MP for Aldershot, attacked the sentences and called on the Defence Secretary to intervene. "It is a shocking case. There should not be one law for The Parachute Regiment and one for everyone else."

However, Anthony Scrivener, QC, a former chairman of the Bar Council, said: "You write a man off if you send him to prison. The community benefits from community service and they are paying compensation. It's an excellent sentence."

SATURDAY IN THE TIMES



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Employer was shot 'for changing rotas'

A WIDOW described yesterday the "laughing, smiling eyes" of a gunman moments before he shot dead her husband in front of their four-year-old son.

Katherine Maidens, 27, told Birmingham Crown Court she thought the man wearing a crash helmet who knocked at their door was delivering pizza. Instead, the jury heard, he was a former employee of her husband, Terry.

Timothy Raggatt, QC, for the prosecution, said that Colin Middleton, 41, had vowed revenge after he walked out on his toolmaking job: "It was a completely ruthless killing, a wholly premeditated killing and carefully planned," he said.

"Mr Maidens made changes which Colin Middleton came to resent and they clashed. Various alterations led to his shifts being changed and a modest loss of wage. By November 1993 this man felt a degree of resentment, anger and even hatred towards his boss."

Shortly before leaving, Middleton allegedly told a colleague: "I am not frightened of that bastard. I have a shotgun and I am not frightened to use it." Mr Raggatt told the court that Mr Middleton, who held a shotgun licence, found Mr Maiden's address in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, in the electoral roll.

On the evening of his murder, in January last year, Mr Maidens, 34, had returned from taking his oldest son, Tony, 10, to Scouts, and was sitting in front of the television with Lee, 4.

Mrs Maidens said she opened the door to see a man holding a gun. "There was no visor on the helmet and I could see his face. He had laughing, smiling eyes and I did not feel afraid of him." She said the intruder pushed her to the ground and she heard two shots as her husband was hit first in the face, then in the chest. He died instantly. The killer fled on a motorcycle.

Mr Middleton was arrested three days later after Mrs Maidens picked him out from a police photograph.

Mr Middleton, of Bartley Green, Birmingham, denies murder. The case continues.

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'It is a sad day when we have to dispose of our greatest asset — we need the funds'

Church sells giant shopping centre to ease cash crisis

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND PAUL WILKINSON

THE Church of England is to sell its biggest and most profitable commercial asset, the MetroCentre shopping centre in Gateshead, in an attempt to ease its severe financial difficulties.

The sale, for up to £500 million, will help the Church Commissioners, who manage the Church's £2.5 billion assets, to safeguard clergy stipends and pensions.

The MetroCentre, Europe's largest covered shopping centre, has an annual income of £20 million and was valued at £200 million-plus in the Commissioners' latest report.

The Commissioners, who were criticised for investing heavily during the 1980s property boom and losing millions in the subsequent slump, are selling 90 per cent of the freehold and retaining the remainder. The cash will be reinvested, possibly in stocks and shares.

Peter Bruinvels, one of the Commissioners and a former Tory MP, said: "It is a sad day when we have to dispose of our greatest asset. It does show the financial difficulties we are in at the moment. The centre has a very good rental income. The Commissioners need the funds. It is easier to sell off one large asset like this than do a shotgun approach and sell things left, right and centre."



Hall: centre made him a millionaire

Alan Cooper, a Commissioner and chairman of the board of finance in Manchester, one of the poorest dioceses, said: "It was always our long-term plan to get the property portfolio adjusted according to our total investments."

The sale follows a reorganisation of the Commissioners in the wake of the 1993 Lambeth report, commissioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, which criticised their heavy exposure to property and their borrowing to finance developments.

The Commissioners themselves face restructuring under the review of Church organisation being chaired by the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull.

Last Christmas, 160,000 people a day visited the MetroCentre, which has 350 shops, Europe's largest indoor theme park, a multi-screen cinema, restaurants and a bowling alley. A chaplain takes services there for some of the 100,000 shoppers who visit each Sunday.

The Commissioners have instructed the chartered surveyor DTZ Debenham Thorpe to market the MetroCentre. DTZ was appointed as independent valuer of the commercial portfolio in response to the recommendations of the Lambeth report.

Ann Dickens, spokeswoman for the Commissioners, said: "We are too heavily weighted towards owning property and particularly retail property. Last spring we had a major review. We have a large amount of agricultural, business, leisure, industrial and retail property, but within this there is a large imbalance towards the retail side."

The MetroCentre cost £200 million and was jointly developed by the Church and Cameron Hall. The deal, completed in 1987, made a millionaire of the head of Cameron Hall, Sir John Hall, now famous as chairman of Newcastle United.

He bought the land, a 120-acre dump for power station ash, in 1979 for £100,000 and, inspired by American shopping malls, ignored the sceptics who said his ambitious plans would never come to fruition.

DOUG HALL



The MetroCentre is Europe's largest covered shopping centre, with 350 shops and leisure totalling 2.2 million sq ft

International buyers line up to bid

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

PROPERTY investors are jostling in the queue to bid for the MetroCentre, the shopping centre whose sale was announced yesterday by the financially stretched Church Commissioners. Offers from £300 million to £500 million have already been received.

DTZ Debenham Thorpe, the Commissioner's agents, said: "We have been knocked down in the rush. We already have 30 parties seriously interested in the property." The international competition will be strengthened by the Government's recent ruling against large out-of-town shopping centres.

The buyer of the 2.2 million sq ft centre is expected to be a large property fund such as Prudential Global Realty or a consortium bid, including a British property company, arranged by Goldman Sachs's Whitehall Fund. Large German funds are also said to be interested.

The MetroCentre, Britain's most profitable shopping centre, is the Church's largest asset, representing about 15 per cent of its property portfolio, worth £1.2 billion last year. The Church is selling a 200-year lease. Mike Cutteridge of DTZ said that upward rent reviews were expected on a third of the 333 tenancies, and indicated that rents could reach £30 million in a couple of years.

The sale follows a dramatic fall in the value of the assets owned by the Commissioners and criticism of its management and the heavy weighting towards commercial property. It sold the Gracechurch Centre in Sutton Coldfield in 1993. Also up for sale is Beechwood Place, a shopping centre in Gloucester, and The Marlows retail centre in Hemel Hempstead.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Addict in fatal lorry crash is jailed

Richard Howard, 33, of Ashton upon Mersey, Manchester, a drug addict, who ran over and killed Corrina Boulton, 15, when he drove through a red light in a stolen truck a month after being banned from driving, was jailed for eight years by Manchester Crown Court.

Meningitis death

Caroline Watson, 3, died of meningitis within hours of developing symptoms at her home in Sunderland. Two other children in the city who contracted the disease are responding to treatment.

Polluter pays

The head of a waste disposal firm was jailed for six months for breaking planning and pollution laws. Brian Morrell, 56, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, ignored orders to close the site near Knaresborough.

Injured girl dies

Jenny Newbury, 12, who was knocked down by a police patrol car as she crossed the road with a friend near her home in Salford, Greater Manchester, on Sunday night, has died in hospital.

Rescue beacon

David Hockey, 53, who staggered into the sea with head injuries after crashing his car in the dark at Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, was rescued by firemen who saw his bald head glistening in the water.

Flexible foe

A 6ft male doll, timed to inflate and deflate at regular intervals and thus scare away birds, has won international orders from farmers and anglers for the Cambridgeshire firm of Clarratts.

Highest flyer

Fred Finn, a businessman from Guildford, Surrey, who holds the world record for airline travel, will celebrate his 11 millionth mile in the air on a flight from London to Nairobi on Friday.

Drug-ridden prison needs a needle exchange, says inspector

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

A NEEDLE exchange system should be established at Styal women's prison in Cheshire, where up to 80 per cent of inmates abuse heroin, a report by the Chief Inspector of Prisons says today.

Judge Stephen Tumim's report, partially leaked last week, highlights drug abuse among women held at Styal Prison and Young Offender Institution, where a typical inmate was said to "go in a shoplifter and come out an addict". Almost all prisoners were using cannabis and 80 per cent were on opiates, mainly heroin, with 60 per cent of those sharing needles, the report said.

Apart from the recommended needle exchange, the report calls for the provision of bleach and sterilising tablets to reduce the risk of hepatitis and HIV infection. The relaxed and "somewhat chaotic" regime disguised the extent of the drug problem, Judge Tumim said. As reporters toured the jail yesterday, women shouted "Do you want some heroin?" from open windows.

But Michael Goodwin, who became the prison governor two weeks after Judge Tumim's inspection in July last year, said yesterday that the report was outdated and the problem exaggerated. "I don't believe this prison turns shoplifters into junkies. The evidence about drugs in the report is mainly anecdotal." Styal would be added to the list of eight prisons piloting a scheme for mandatory drug testing, he said. Other measures, including the establishment of a substance abuse strategy group, had been taken during the past eight months. The Tumim report was based on an unannounced short inspection of Styal followed by a visit from a health inspector.

The report found the drug problem was aggravated by acute boredom despite good basic amenities. Of just over 200 prisoners at Styal, 52 were convicted of or charged with drug-related offences. Five out of eight were active drug users on arrival at the prison, which had no detoxification process. Drugs were generally thrown over the fence or smuggled in after home leave or temporary release. Judge Tumim said. They were freely available in Styal, with 50 per cent of the prisoners on cocaine, 15 to 20 per cent using amphetamines, 10 per cent dabbling in LSD and 60 per cent using benzodiazepines, mainly Temazepam, the report found.

Judge Tumim said: "There is no room within an active, positive regime for drug abuse and that is why we were so concerned to find in a prison like Styal that the problem was so widely and openly acknowledged. It appeared little was being done to improve the situation."



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'Public enemy' counters threats from extremists with guard dogs, security lights and bomb searches

Veal farmer on hit list turns home into fortress

BY TIM JONES AND JOHN SHAW

VISITORS to Richard Haddock's farm in the West Country could be forgiven for thinking they were in rural Rhodesia before the white regime fell. Since being painted by animal rights extremists as a public enemy he has been forced to spend thousands of pounds turning his farm into a fortress.

Security lights surround his remote farmhouse near Kingswear, Devon. doors are triple locked and guard dogs live in pens among the animals. He has received hate mail and been told that his movements are being monitored. Bomb disposal officers have told him how to open his post and any package which arrives at Coleton Barton Farm is left in the yard to be carefully opened behind bags of soil.

If he has doubts, Mr Haddock has to call in the bomb squad although the package may contain only a tractor part. Before shipping his animals off to market or to a port for export Mr Haddock and his staff check the lorries to ensure they are free of bombs. He said: "It has become a way of life, but I am not frightened. I just take reasonable and sensible precautions."



Richard Haddock: taking precautions

Since being placed on the extremists' hit list Mr Haddock has bought labradors and built pens for them inside animal sheds. "I could have got rottweilers but that would have been to go down the same road as the people who wish to harm me. Labradors are good listeners and will give me plenty of time to secure my house and ring the police. Fortunately, because of a local drugs problem, I am in a high response area."

Mr Haddock, 37, considers himself to be a model farmer and takes pride in rearing up to 700 beef cattle on his 850 acres. "My calves are raised with their mothers until they are nine months old, spending summer and spring in the open eating fresh grass. They are moved inside for the winter into spacious buildings on which I have spent more than £500,000.

"I consider myself to be in the forefront of the welfare of farm animals. It is in my interest to be so. But I support the export of calves while pressing for the Dutch and others to change their practices. They must be given time, however, or a whole industry and livelihood will be at risk." David O'Connell, a veal producer on a small family farm in Bedfordshire, also admits that he and his wife feel threatened by the rise in attacks on the livestock trade by extremists. But he said the cost of fortifying his farm against a violent minority would mean bankruptcy.

Mr O'Connell and his wife Diane, who run Top Farm at Lidlington, were watching television on Sunday when a report came on about four incendiary bombs being found on an animal transporter at Billing, Northamptonshire.

He said: "We looked at each other and we just thought 'are we next?' We didn't speak about it, but the cost of any security measures that would give us any sense of total coverage would bankrupt us.

"I think that what we are doing here is what the concerned middle-class protester would accept was the real way out of the problem," he said.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



David O'Connell with veal calves at his farm in Bedfordshire. He says a security system would bankrupt him

"But we are involved with animals and I'm afraid that some of the extreme animal organisations think that just because you farm animals that's enough to cause problems." Mr O'Connell and his wife are successful producers of "rose veal", pink-coloured meat from animals kept in loose pens. The colour stems from the development of muscle in the animal resulting from freedom to move about and being fed roughage. It is quite different from the white meat in demand on the Connnent. Top Farm's produce is sold at Waitrose as "British veal" or "English farmhouse veal" and the company's senior meat buyers visit the premises regularly.

Mr O'Connell is planning to bring 250 calves to market this year and is as opposed as anybody else to the veal crate system. But if the practice was banned in Europe he said many farmers wondered if the protesters would then stop their demonstrations or whether the extremists would simply attack something else.

Farmers fight back, page 1

Untrained climbing instructor jailed

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A CLIMBING instructor who lied about his qualifications to teach trainee mountaineering leaders was jailed for three months yesterday.

Magistrates heard that Ian Woods, 30, claimed that he had a qualification approved by the Mountain Leader Training Board. He taught at Hyde House adventure training centre near Wareham, Dorset, in the autumn of 1993, six months after the death of four schoolchildren in Lyme Bay canoe tragedy had focused attention on unqualified instructors in the industry.

Jonathan Goodge, for the defence, told Wareham magistrates that Wood's employers at Hyde House were aware that he was not qualified, but had "turned a blind eye". "My client was pressurised by his employers to be seen as having qualifications, while not being allowed time off work or given funding to pursue those qualifications. They were aware he wasn't qualified but chose to turn a blind eye to it," he said.

Anne Dearle, the magistrate, said the offence was so serious that only a custodial sentence was appropriate. "The reasons for this decision are because your actions could have put people's lives at risk and it was a pre-meditated offence."

Woods, of Bideford, Devon, admitted issuing a false training certificate. He also admitted dishonestly obtaining £40 by deception by claiming to be a Single Pitch Supervisors Award Course Provider.

After the hearing, a spokesman for the Mountain Leader Training Board said the consequences of Wood's actions could have been "horrendous". Devon and Dorset Adventure Holidays, which owns Hyde House, rejected Wood's claim that they had known he was underqualified.

Last Glenn Miller sessions released

TWENTY previously unreleased recordings, believed to be the last Glenn Miller made, are to be issued on Monday.

They were completed two weeks before the American trombonist and composer vanished on a flight over the Channel in December 1944 en route from England to Paris. The tunes, contained on a 36-track double album, *Glenn Miller — The Lost Recordings*, were recorded at the Abbey Road studios in London and broadcast to German troops as part of the Allied propaganda campaign after D-Day.

Copyright has now lapsed and, 50 years on, they can be released. Experts say that the recordings, which unusually include a fine string section, are some of the best he made.

Four of the lost tracks feature the singer Dinah Shore. Others include versions of the bandleader's old favourites such as *In The Mood*, *Moonlight Serenade* and *Little Brown Jug*.

Alan Dell, BBC Radio 2 presenter, said: "Historically this is an important release which adds another chapter to the Glenn Miller story and his wonderful Allied Expeditionary Force Orchestra."



Miller: died 50 years ago

Disabled widow beaten to death

BY LIN JENKINS

A PARTIALLY disabled 71-year-old widow who was savagely beaten in her bed by an intruder probably struggled to raise the alarm before she collapsed and died.

Mary Smith's body was found by her son and daughter-in-law when they let themselves into her council house at Gravesend, Kent, to light the fire on Monday morning. They found her lying in the doorway of her bedroom at the rear of the house.

Police described the attack as "brutal and horrendous", particularly because of Mrs Smith's inability to defend herself. She had been severely beaten on the head and upper body. The attacker broke in through the back door. Police have found nothing missing although a more thorough search has yet to be made.

Neighbours on the King's Farm estate, where Mrs Smith had lived for 45 years, have been devastated by her brutal death. She was virtually housebound and, since her husband died a few months ago, relied on others to do her shopping. When she did venture out she used a wheelchair and needed someone to take her.

Det Supt Owen Taylor, who is leading the murder inquiry, said: "While they may not be the worst injuries I have seen, when you take them in the context of a partially disabled and defenceless old woman, words fail me." Neighbours recalled a charming lady who often watched the world go by from her doorstep. They said they believed Mrs Smith might have been the victim of a bungled burglary.

Kathleen Westwood, 67, said she was devastated by her friend's death. "Mary was one of the sweetest people you could wish for. She was very independent and if I ever asked to do anything for her she would refuse and say she wanted to get the most use out of her legs while she had the chance. It is terrible that this should have happened to her."

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England footballer faces jail for attack on taxi driver

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE England and Chelsea footballer Dennis Wise was found guilty of assault and criminal damage yesterday for breaking a taxi window and attacking the driver. Sentence was deferred until March 13, pending reports, but Geoffrey Breen, the magistrate at London's Horseferry Road court, warned Wise that he faced "a serious risk of custody".

Mr Breen dismissed Wise's claims that he had punched through the glass partition in the taxi and shaken the driver Gerald Graham, 65, by the hair because his girlfriend was being dragged along by the open door of the cab. "I am satisfied he got into the cab and smashed the dividing window not because he wanted to stop the cab, because it was already stationary, but because he wanted to get at the cab driver," Mr Breen said. Eric Hall, Wise's agent, said after the hearing: "We are all stunned, particularly by the magistrate's last comment. We will have to think very carefully about appealing. We just cannot believe it, but it won't affect his career. He will report with the England squad on Sunday."

The incident followed a visit by Wise, 27, and his girlfriend Geraldine Lennon to Scribes West, the London club owned by the England coach Terry Venables, on October 8. When they left they flagged down the cab and asked to go to Shepherd's Bush.

An argument ensued when Wise told the driver that they wanted to go on to Boston Manor Road in west London. "He told me to get out. He didn't say why, he just said 'Get out'," claimed Wise, of East Acton, west London. "He drove ten yards as if to take us and then he stopped quickly and Geraldine said 'Let's get out'. She opened the door and stepped out and he accelerated away and she just went flying. She was holding on to the door. "I punched the window because I wanted him to stop and broke the partition. I grabbed him by the hair and said 'Stop'. I was worried what was going to happen to her," he said.

Police who happened to be near by arrested Wise. During the trial, adjourned from last month, the taxi driver said Wise flew into a "real rage" and started punching the driver's door window and kicking the cab. Mr Graham said his foot came off the brake and the cab, an automatic, moved forward. Mr Breen dismissed Wise's claims that he had merely punched through the partition glass. "I am satisfied that he did it by kicking, not sitting in the back seat but giving it a full blooded kick of sufficient force to break the toughened glass between him and the driver."



REUTER

Dennis Wise, left, arriving at court yesterday with his agent Eric Hall. Afterwards, Mr Hall said: "We are all stunned. We will have to think very carefully about appealing"

Fugitive gives cell as former address

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A DRUG smuggler on the run for 14 years from a Greek jail faces extradition from Britain after he filled in a form giving his former address as a Greek prison.

Gary Hayes, 44, was jailed in 1980 for 12 years for smuggling 2.7 kg of cannabis into Greece from Egypt, but escaped a year later. He came home to England, married and lived a quiet life in a suburban semi.

When he was injured in a brawl last month he lodged a claim with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Surprisingly, in the past addresses section he volunteered the name of the Greek prison where he had been held. Not surprisingly, the board contacted the police and he was arrested.

Yesterday at his home in Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, Mr Hayes said: "I'm dumbstruck that this has happened. I have been living openly since my escape and I can't understand why I was served with a warrant."

Last month he was released on £25,000 bail to appear on Friday before Bow Street magistrates in London to face extradition charges.

Mr Hayes denied the drugs charges before the Greek court, claiming he possessed only a small amount for his own use. He said he had no idea that his car had been packed with drugs.

Tiger bone medicines seized in raids

POLICE have seized medicines made from tigers and other endangered species in raids on pharmacies and stores in Manchester's Chinatown, London and Birmingham.

In a joint operation between three forces, Customs officers and the Department of Environment's global wildlife division, boxes of tiger bone powder and derivatives of antelope, cobra and musk deer were confiscated. All are traditionally used in Chinese medicine.

Customs have seized similar specimens before, but a Greater Manchester Police spokesman said it was the first time search warrants had been issued to the police since legislation in 1985 to try to control the international trade.

The tiger is one of the world's most endangered species, hunted almost into extinction by poachers. Other protected animals threatened by the Chinese medicine trade are bears, hunted for their fat and bile, and rhinoceroses, whose horns are considered an aphrodisiac and can make £10,000 an ounce on the black market.

☐ Thieves stole 2,000 stags' tails and 300 penises worth £10,000 from a venison supplier in Grantown-on-Spey, Highland. They are usually dried and ground for cooking and tonics, but are also used as aphrodisiacs in the Far East.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This hand from the Macallan Pairs proved surprisingly difficult to bid to a slam. Mahmood and Sharif were one of the successful pairs.

Dealer North **Game all. IMPs**

	♠A9843 ♥AQ ♦J ♣Q10875	
♠KJ107 ♥74 ♦K985 ♣J96	N W E S	♠652 ♥863 ♦A10742 ♣43
	♠Q ♥KJ10952 ♦Q63 ♣AK2	

W	N	E	S
Kasle	Zia	Levin	Sharif
—	1♠ (1)	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣ (2)
Pass	4♦ (3)	Dble (4)	Pass
Pass	4♥ (5)	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All pass	

1 Many players with 5-5 in the blacks open One Club
2 Sharif has to continue on the slam trail, so invents a suit.
3 Splinter bid, showing good club support.
4 Pointless — it just gives the opponents an extra round of bidding.
5 Having shown club support by his Four Diamond bid, this is a heaven-sent opportunity to show his heart support.

Only three pairs out of eight bid the slam. This was one of the other successful auctions:

W	N	E	S
Mecksroth	Czerniewski	Rodwell	Price
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	6♠	All pass	

KEENE on CHESS

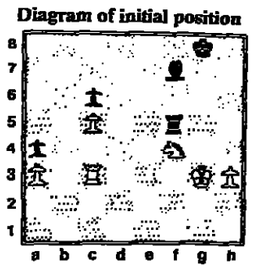
BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Determination

The Fide semi-final match in Sanghi Nagar, India, between Gata Kamsky (United States) and Valery Salov (Russia) is too close to call. In previous games between the two, Salov has built up a modest plus score. However, in the past year Kamsky has become a much improved player and has, in particular, sharpened his tactical skills. This win by Salov, achieved four years ago, shows his grim determination and technical finesse to advantage. Salov squeezes out an endgame win in a long struggle against his young opponent.

White: Salov
Black: Kamsky
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Diagram of initial position

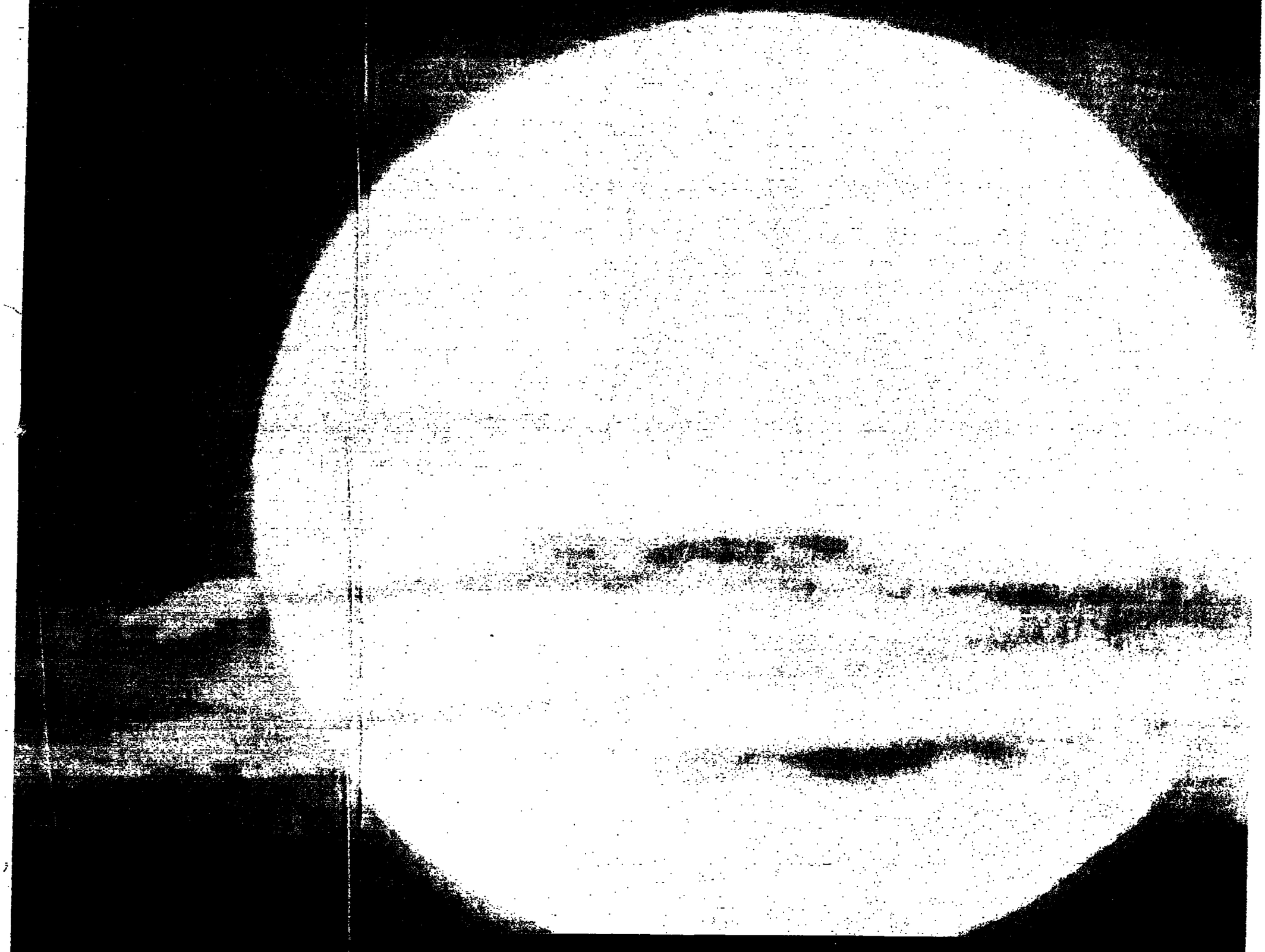


47	h4	Kg7	
48	Nd3	Rf6	
49	Nf4	Rf5	
50	Nd3	Rf6	
51	Nb4	Rg6+	
52	Kf4	Rh6	
53	Ke5	Be8	
54	Rc4	Bf7	
55	Rf4	Bb3	
56	Kd4	Rg6	
57	Ke5	Rh6	
58	Kd4	Rg6	
59	Nd3	Rg1	
60	Ne5	Rd1+	
61	Kc3	Rc1+	
62	Kb4	Bd5	
63	Rd4	Rb1+	
64	Kxa4	Kf6	
65	Nd3	Rb6	
66	Ka5	Ra8+	
67	Kb4	Rb8+	
68	Ka5	Ra8+	
69	Kb6	Rxa3	
70	Nb4	Rb3	
71	Kc7	Ke5	
72	Rg4	Be4	
73	Nxc6+	Kf5	
74	Rg5+	Kf6	
75	Ne5	Rc3	
76	Kd6	Rc2	
77	Nd7+	Kf7	
78	Ne5+	Kf6	
79	Ng4+	Kf7	
80	Nh6+	Kf8	
81	Ng4+	Kf7	
82	Ne3	Rh2	
83	h5	Bb7	
84	c6	Bc8	
85	Ng4	Rd2+	
86	Kc7	Ba6	
87	h6	Rd1	
88	Rh5	Kg6	
89	h7	Kxh5	
90	Ne5	Black resigns	

Both second-round games in the semi-finals were drawn.

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The Nolan inquiry

Curbing ministers' job prospects 'could be illegal'

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MEMBERS of the Nolan committee clashed yesterday with David Hunt, the Public Services Minister, who told the inquiry into standards in public life that restricting former ministers' rights to take private-sector jobs might be illegal.

In the most spirited exchanges since the inquiry began four weeks ago, Mr Hunt was told by one member that the committee was "surprised and dissapointed" by the Government's attitude. Another member, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, responded to Mr Hunt's defence of the present guidelines on ministerial conduct by dismissing them as "banal and meaningless".

Mr Hunt, who was presenting the Government's evidence to the committee, was later said to have taken an "almost contemptuous" attitude towards it after he had described the inquiry as an "unhappy and unnecessary chapter".

In a strong and emotional personal statement, Mr Hunt said that public confidence had been destroyed and politicians traumatised because colleagues and revered institutions has been "defamed and attacked with slurs, innuendo and downright lies".

Although he conceded that there was an "increased need for durable and demonstrable safeguards in order that our public life should be seen to be above reproach", he insisted that all allegations against ministers were unfounded. He said that the Prime Minister had invited evidence to the contrary "and received none".

Asked directly by Lord Nolan whether the Government's mind was already fixed against new rules on the employment of former ministers, Mr Hunt said: "You are completely free to tender whatever advice you choose." But, he said, those advocating tighter restriction had not thought through the consequences and he suggested that restricting the employment prospects of ministers could be illegal under restraint of trade. Similar rules, which require senior civil servants to seek permission for all business appointments within two years of retiring, are not legally enforceable.

Lord Nolan replied that although the courts had put strict limits on what could be imposed, there were examples of many employment contracts that placed restrictions on employment elsewhere. He suggested that government ministers could perhaps be better paid in return for accepting tighter restriction.

Mr Hunt, showing one of the few flashes of humour in an otherwise irritable round of exchanges, refused to be drawn further on the legal implications. "I do not want to go down that road. I am merely a solicitor while you are a judge," he told Lord Nolan.

Mr Hunt had appeared to suggest in his opening statement that the Government was not prepared to consider new rules. "In all the areas under consideration by this committee the Government will look carefully at any recommendations made," he said. "But on the business appointments of former ministers, I have to say that I believe, and the Government believes, that it is still right to leave decisions about these matters to the judgment of individuals."

After yesterday's hearing, there seems even less doubt that the Nolan committee will recommend some form of supervision of business appointments, whether voluntary or binding. Most observers believe that the Government will have to find a way to accommodate such a recommendation and were surprised by Mr Hunt's hard line, which potentially paves the way for an embarrassing U-turn.

The Labour MP Peter Shore was "surprised and dissappointed" that the Government did not recognise that "there is here a matter of genuine public concern that procedures which apply to civil servants should be considered inappropriate for ministers". Mr Hunt accused him of making the inquiry party political.

Ann Taylor, the Shadow Public Services Minister, later criticised Mr Hunt's evidence as arrogant and complacent. "If he thinks it is all an unnecessary chapter, perhaps he should ask his prime minister why he set the inquiry up," she said.



MPs clear Hamilton of rule breach

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY MPs were accused last night of a "whitewash" in clearing the former minister Neil Hamilton of breaching Commons rules by failing to declare a holiday taken at the Ritz hotel in Paris.

Labour MPs on the Commons Members' Interests Select Committee are to increase pressure for Mr Hamilton and Mohammed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods and the Ritz, to give oral evidence on more serious allegations against the former corporate affairs minister.

The Labour members are infuriated by the majority decision to turn down an MP's complaint without calling Mr Hamilton as a witness. The committee considered the Ritz allegation separately from claims, vehemently denied by Mr Hamilton, that he received vouchers and cash from Mr Al Fayed.

Mr Hamilton resigned as minister in October after claims that he failed to declare a £4,000 stay at the Ritz in 1987. The MPs decided that he could not have breached new rules on members' interests, which were not drawn up until after his stay.

☐ Betty Boothroyd, the Commons Speaker, has called for Lord Lester of Herne Hill, who has accused colleagues not declaring cash payments, to give evidence to the members' interests committee.

Private sector to help draft laws

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE is to bring private-sector lawyers into the Treasury in a move to simplify complicated financial legislation.

Last night the Chancellor announced a pilot scheme under which independent barristers and solicitors would take over the work of government draftsmen and draw up parts of next year's Finance Bill, which implements the Budget. The plan, clearly designed to boost Mr Clarke's reputation as a moderniser of the machinery of government, is expected to be welcomed by business leaders who have long complained about the length and complexity of modern legislation. If successful it is almost certain to be followed up by other departments.

Mr Clarke made plain in a speech to the European Policy Forum that his proposal will be an experiment. But he said that the benefits could be a widening of the range of talent available to departments and an easing of the time pressures caused by the volume of work faced by draftsmen.

He paid tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the parliamentary counsel who draft Bills at present but said that bringing in private lawyers could help to provide fresh thinking. Barristers with many years' experience in the courts on technical subjects might be better placed than general draftsmen to cope with the specialist problems arising in financial services, tax law or insolvency law.

Large law firms were already undertaking government work and there was no reason to think that they could not contribute. "Finance Bills are not regarded as a model of perfection by judges, practitioners or British businessmen and we must not be afraid to try to find new ways to improve them."

Mr Clarke said the size and nature of the State was changing. There were 10,000 fewer civil servants now than last April and the number had fallen by 40,000 since 1992. The Civil Service was at its smallest since 1939 and the number of staff was expected to fall well below 500,000 within four years.

Spellbound Hunt is blind to public's legitimate concern

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

David Hunt has seriously misjudged the Nolan inquiry. Over nearly two hours yesterday, his approach was mixture of the blustering, the defensive and the partisan. He did not even seem to understand why it was necessary to set up the inquiry in the first place.

For him, the allegations last autumn were part of a breakdown of the previous consensus on public life with "colleagues and revered institutions being defamed and attacked with slurs, innuendo and downright lies. It seems that nothing is sacred, and even that nothing ever can be the same again." Mr Hunt set greater store by the committee's success "so that we can all put this unhappy and unnecessary chapter well behind us".

That is bunkum and balderdash of a high order. It underestimates public worries, as reflected in the evidence to the inquiry. This is only partly to do with charges of specific misconduct by MPs or former ministers, which may in many, though not all, cases be exaggerated or misplaced. Aside from the issue of MPs' self-regulation, not Mr Hunt's responsibility, the real worry is that public standards are not being seen to be maintained. There are legitimate, and not just scurrilous worries, about ex-ministers' posts and the extension of ministerial patronage. As several members of the committee have pointed out, public perceptions are crucial.

Mr Hunt does not seem to recognise that reassurance is necessary. In his eyes, all have behaved honourably, there are no scandals and, hence, there is no need for new safeguards about, say, former ministers taking up other jobs. He drew attention to paragraph 105 in *Questions of Procedure for Ministers*, their official rule book, which says that, while there are no formal restrictions on former ministers taking up posts, "they should naturally avoid any course which would reflect adversely on their or the Government's reputation for integrity or the confidentiality of its proceedings". He repeated the word "integrity" like a magic incantation. But unfortunately its spell no longer works. As Lord Thomson of Monifieth dryly pointed out, this paragraph is "by itself so general as to be rather banal and meaningless". Mr Hunt argued that it would be unfair to penalise ex-ministers who become businessmen when others could write memoirs or become journalists. But this case was punctured when it was pointed out that books by former ministers had to be vetted in detail.

Appeals to integrity are no longer enough. Mr Hunt did not recognise that there are alternatives to barring ex-ministers from employment by companies with which they were involved when in office, as Labour has suggested. One possibility, favoured by members of the committee, would be some kind of vetting machinery, as already happens with civil servants. Whether or not there is much abuse now, that does not remove the need for public safeguards. Mr Hunt annoyed members of the committee, and misjudged its approach, by suggesting that Peter Shore was being partisan in raising the vetting option.

On appointments to quangos, the Government's proposals for introducing greater transparency and advertising vacancies are, as I discussed yesterday, welcome in providing reassurance about the current system. But they do not tackle the basic question of whether appointments to such a large number of public bodies should be made mainly by ministers. Mr Hunt was let off gently yesterday, partly because one or two committee members were content to go down obscurantist by-ways of procedure. He was not required to explain how various types of agency had arisen.

The Nolan inquiry does not consist of wild radicals. But most of its members believe that something is wrong: that public confidence in political institutions has declined and needs to be restored. Mr Hunt was doing the Government's case a disservice by claiming that this concern is unjustified and that reform is unnecessary.

PETER RIDDELL

Labour literati pen sequel to Clause 4

THE Labour "luvvies" are giving Tony Blair a helping hand in the row over Clause Four by drafting their own version of the Labour Party's constitution (Jill Sherman writes).

Fay Weldon, Michael Frayn, Margaret Drabble and Michael Holroyd have submitted several drafts of Clause Four, each designed to fit onto the back of a membership card. The drafts, which are to form part of the Fabian Society's contribution to Labour's consultation on rewriting the party's commitment to nationalisation, are an attempt to lift the debate onto a different plane.

Lord Dubs, the chairman of the Fabian Society, said: "Too much of the debate about Clause Four has involved swapping dry and unexciting alternatives to an original series of words with a power beyond their literal meaning."

Ms Weldon has submitted two versions based on the same theme: "To secure for everyone who by hand or brain contributes to the general wealth of the nation, the equitable distribution of that wealth amongst them." Mr Frayn's, however, is the most succinct and elegant: "To set some bounds to the tyranny of the fortunate."

Socialist MEPs try to heal rift

BY A STAFF REPORTER

LABOUR MEPs face a tough battle next week against attempts by some of their European counterparts to commit to the party to a radical federalist agenda for the 1996 conference on the EU's future.

Deep divisions over the issues that will dominate the inter-governmental conference emerged at a two-day meeting of European Socialists in Brussels that ended yesterday. Before an important vote next week, Pauline Green, MEP for London North and leader of the 22-strong Socialist Group in the European Parliament, will try to reconcile the views of the federalists and those in favour of more limited reform.

Moderate Labour MEPs are anxious not to sign up to any proposals that could embarrass the Labour leadership at home by committing its representatives in Strasbourg to a hardline federalist agenda for 1996.

Yesterday Mrs Green said there was "overwhelming backing" for the abolition of Britain's opt-out from the Mastricht treaty social chapter, opposition to any attempts to weaken the EU or move towards a multi-speed Europe, agreement on the need for a single currency and support for the European Parliament to be given more powers.

But whereas the British Labour Group leader, Wayne David, insisted on preserving Britain's right of veto in sensitive areas such as taxation, home affairs and defence, other Socialist MEPs supported demands for a gradual move towards majority voting in all areas of EU policy.

The Socialist Group was also split over other controversial proposals contained in a paper published last week drawn up by the former French European Affairs Minister Elisabeth Guigou, now an MEP and vice-president of the Socialist Group, including calls for the EU to have a "genuine president" in charge of the European commission and the Council of Ministers.

Mrs Green said that she would produce a paper by the end of this week setting out the "guidelines" for the Group's policy on 1996, which would be voted on next week if time permitted. But she emphasised that the vote would not set the Socialist Group's policy in "tablets of stone." The group is also setting up a telephone hotline for the public so that it can work out proposals that will carry "the support of the people of Europe".

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons questions to employment ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by an Opposition debate on the "threat to schools from the 1995-96 financial settlement" and a debate on passenger services under rail privatisation.

The Lords debated the Pensions Bill and the Central European Time Bill.

TODAY: In the Commons, MPs will sit at 10am for backbench debates starting with the sale of British Coal land. At 2.30pm questions to trade and industry ministers will be followed by debates on Welsh revenue support grant reports and Children (Northern Ireland) orders.

The Lords will debate inner-city problems, transport infrastructure policy, the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Bill and the Scottish rateable values orders.

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Release of wartime documents shines light on fate of British fascists

Lady Mosley threatened legal action over internment



Lady Mosley and her husband in London in 1962

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE wife of the fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley threatened to take legal action against the Home Secretary over the conditions in which she was held in Holloway jail during the Second World War.

According to papers published yesterday, Sir Samuel Hoare, a member of the wartime Cabinet, demanded an urgent report into allegations by Lady Mosley that she had been put in a cell with no bed and left to sleep on a mattress, with dirty blankets and grubby sheets, on a wet floor.

The Home Office files say that, as well as complaining about the conditions, Lady Mosley issued instructions for the care of her jewels, an MG car and domestic cleaning arrangements.

The files did not include details of the 16-hour interrogation of Sir Oswald by Norman Birkett, KC, which were excluded for reasons of political sensitivity or national security. Sir Oswald died in 1980 and his widow has called for the release of papers covering the interrogation.

Lady Mosley, who lives in France, had been arrested at her family home in Denham, Buckinghamshire, in June 1940 and was detained for a further 3½ years. She had to leave a baby of 11 weeks and an 18-month-old child with the family's nanny.

In her statement, dated April 1941, Lady Mosley said that in Holloway she had been taken to F wing and a "completely dark airless and very dirty cell". She said that the prison doctor had been unsympathetic to the fact that she had left an unweaned child at home and to her complaints about extremely painful breasts.

Sir Samuel wrote to the governor seeking a report. "The allegations, as you will seen, are rather serious. We are told ... that Lady M is bringing an action against the Home Secretary [Herbert Morrison] for damage for breach of statutory duty."

Lady Mosley's complaints were made several months after she arrived at Holloway and resulted in statements being taken from staff who saw her when she was taken there. A note sent to the Prison Commission said that two days after her arrival Lady Mosley said "she was very well and everyone was very kind to her". The note added: "This contemporary report carries more weight that Lady Mosley's statement recorded some nine months later."

In her early days in jail, Lady Mosley showed great concern over domestic matters, including the provision of a nursemaid, the value of a painting, cleaning arrangements at a flat and parking facilities for the MG.

"Get in touch with my mother, and tell Lady Redesdale to get a nursemaid if nanny is awfully busy," Lady Mosley is recorded as saying during an interview with a clerk from her solicitor.

"Write or phone Andre, tell her to get Mabel in two or three times a week, to keep the flat clean and use the Hoover. Tell her also to let the War Office know that the Stubbs picture at Denham is worth £2,000 and if those soldiers damage it, they will have to compensate."

She instructs the clerk: "Tell Andre to attend to my jewels, etcetera, also to let Mable have one key to the flat."

Lady Mosley then requests the clerk to get a copy of the *Sunday Dispatch* newspaper "as I am going to sue them, for saying that I taught my boy to say 'Heil Hitler' ". She tells the clerk that on her first night at Holloway, in north London, she was with fascists. "They are wonderful, but I am not with them now."

In October 1940, a note to the Prison Commission states that Lady Mosley had several times asked to be allowed out on parole. However, the note concludes that this would be considered "extremely dangerous".

While in Holloway, Lady Mosley was visited by her mother Lady Redesdale but requests to visit Sir Oswald, who was detained in Brixton, were rejected. A Prison Commission note pointed out that if the Mosleys were allowed to meet it would be difficult to refuse other prisoners' applications.

Nation found propagandist 'amusing'

Public urged King to spare life of Lord Haw-Haw

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BUCKINGHAM Palace and Whitehall were flooded with appeals for clemency when the wartime traitor William Joyce was about to hang in Wandsworth jail in 1946.

Documents released by the Public Record Office yesterday disclose a file of letters, telegrams and petitions three inches thick urging George VI, Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, and Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, to be lenient with the man who earned historical notoriety as the broadcaster Lord Haw-Haw.

Dukes and commoners petitioned the authorities after Joyce's appeal against the death sentence was rejected by a majority decision of the House of Lords. He went to the gallows on January 3, 1946, guilty of treason. The documents also show a Government fearful that Joyce might be acquitted on the technicality of never having been a British subject, despite holding a British passport, and therefore outside the jurisdiction of the British courts. Joyce was born in America, but the British clearly had no wish to embarrass their allies by sending him back there.

A memorandum to the Director of Public Prosecutions, signed by a senior Home Office official shortly before Joyce's trial began, notes: "In view of the notoriety of the case, there can be no doubt that the public will expect immediate action by the Home Office if the man is acquitted. I therefore propose, if approved, to instruct the Commissioner of Police, in the event of Joyce's acquittal, for his immediate arrest for internment as an enemy alien and his conveyance to Brixton prison to await repatriation [to Germany]."

Joyce, arrested in Germany in the last days of the war by a British Army captain who recognised his voice, failed in his efforts to prove that he was not British. But his conviction elicited a remarkable amount of sympathy, from the then Duke of Bedford downwards.

"I gather he has never been charged with betraying military secrets," the duke wrote to Attlee. "I must say that I feel his execution would be an act of quite unjustifiable vindictive severity involving a not inconsiderable degree of hypocrisy as well."

The duke added: "Although in his frequent use of the term 'Jewish', he displayed the exaggerated bigotry characteristic of anti-Semites, Joyce, when telling the British people in his broadcasts that their real enemies were the international financiers, spoke no more than the truth."

Among the letters and cables from ordinary people runs a theme that Lord Haw-Haw was more entertainment than menace. "Can you reprieve Joyce? He did no harm: he amused a great number of people," one telegram reads.

A letter says: "I listened often to his broadcasts and never heard him say a word against England, the King or the British Empire. He only attacked the politicians who, he concluded, were dragging the country to its ruin ... He warned this country of the result of letting loose the Red Army in Europe, a warning which appears to have a solid foundation."

One of the letters on the file is from Joyce himself, written on prison notepaper to the Home Secretary, seeking permission for a visit from his wife Margaret. "The bond between us is the closest conceivable. In view of the situation in which I am now placed and of the nervous strain to which my wife has for some months been subjected, I would be most grateful if you could see your way to enabling her to pay me a visit."

Margaret Joyce did indeed visit her husband in Wandsworth several times. But as an active member of the British Union of Fascists and herself a rogue broadcaster from Germany, she was treated with great suspicion by MI5, which was anxious to prevent her return to Britain after the war in case she became "a stalking horse of some nuisance value".

The organisation relented, however. A note from MI5 in London to British Army intelligence in Germany in 1945 concludes: "It has been decided by the authorities not to prosecute this woman ... on compassionate grounds."



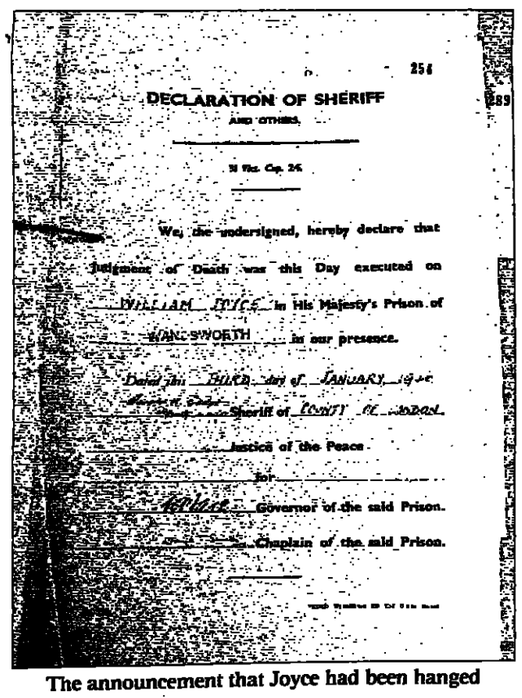
William Joyce: he was arrested in Germany in the last days of the war by an Army captain who recognised his voice

KEY FIGURES

☐ **The Mosleys: Lady Mosley (Diana Mitford), widow of Sir Oswald Mosley, who founded the British Union of Fascists. He died in 1980. She married Sir Oswald in Goebbels's home: Hitler brought flowers. She was one of the Mitford sisters, the authors Nancy and Jessica, Unity, and Deborah, now Duchess of Devonshire, and Pamela.**

☐ **William Joyce: a fascist orator in the 1930s. His mocking broadcast messages from Germany to Britain during the war, entitled "Germany Calling", earned him the nickname Lord Haw-Haw. He was executed for treason at Wandsworth Prison in 1946 and 30 years later his body was reinterred at a cemetery in Galway in the Irish Republic.**

☐ **John Amery: executed in 1945 after pleading guilty to treason. He was accused of attempting to form a Legion of St George among British prisoners of war held in France to fight against the Russians. He was the son of Leopold Amery, a Conservative cabinet minister, and the brother of Lord Amery of Lustleigh, the former Julian Amery, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, 1972-74.**



DECLARATION OF SHERIFF

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Justice of the Peace for

Governor of the said Prison.

Chaplain of the said Prison.

The announcement that Joyce had been hanged

Traitor who had ear of Hitler was psychopath and sexual deviant

BY ALAN HAMILTON

JOHN AMERY, the traitor hanged in 1945 for trying to recruit British prisoners of war in Germany into a brigade to fight the Russians, was a sexual deviant with a pathological inability to distinguish right from wrong, according to psychiatric tests conducted in his prison cell.

Amery, son of the Secretary of State for India in Churchill's government and brother of Lord Amery of Lustleigh, the former Tory MP Julian Amery, spent the war in occupied Europe lecturing on the need for an Allied force to attack Soviet Russia. He had the ear of Hitler, who encouraged him to broadcast to Britain in the manner of Lord Haw-Haw, although he never did. He was captured by partisans in northern Italy in 1945, brought to Britain to stand trial for treason and executed at Wandsworth jail.

A psychiatrist who examined him in his prison cell reported Amery to be "a severe and long-standing case of psychopathic disorder of the type at one time called 'moral insanity' or 'moral imbecility'. His conduct of life is determined by diseased mental processes." Another expert who questioned him reported that, although married, Amery indulged in homosexual acts for money, had a fascination with prostitutes and enjoyed acts of bondage, enjoying sexual stimulation in moments of fear or panic.



John Amery, left, taking tea with German soldiers. He spent the war lecturing in occupied Europe

An MI5 report on Amery in 1944 noted: "He has been reported from several sources, including a returned PoW, to be attempting to induce British PoWs to join a British Legion for service against the Russians."

Documents disclose that Amery went to Hitler to complain about Lord Haw-Haw "yelling out abuse of my fellow countrymen" on his *Germany Calling* broadcasts. The Führer is said to have sympathised, but professed himself powerless to intervene.

Amery explained his philosophy to British intelligence officers after his capture in Italy. In a signed statement he said: "It was my considered opinion that Europe was in the greatest peril of a communist invasion, that this invasion would sweep the whole continent, and that nothing could stop it, unless the different countries of Europe pushed through a social revolution which would spike the guns of the communists in their worldwide revolutionary activities. It was also our view that the Jewish race was mixed up and working hand-in-glove with Moscow."

Amery admitted that it had come "as a very great shock to me when I heard that England and Soviet Russia had become allies". He felt it had been essential to create a British anti-Bolshevic region, however small.

In one of his lectures in wartime Germany, he described George VI as "the stuttering halfwit they have had the insolence to crown King of England, when they had a perfectly good socialist patriotic king".

Amery was hanged on December 19, 1945; the file of letters pleading for clemency for him is slim.



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Fifteen men in suits tailor plans for European monetary union

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN FRANKFURT

A FLEET of black limousines deposited more than a dozen sober-suited men yesterday morning in front of a nondescript skyscraper at 29 Kaiserstrasse, next door to the gleaming new opera house in Frankfurt. The building's doorway carries a plain black and white sign that sits below the ubiquitous blue and gold stars of the European Union, declaring "Europäische Wahrungsinstitut" (European Monetary Institute).

On four heavily guarded floors of the tower that they share with Chinese and Japanese banks, the men of the EMI are planning the most momentous peacetime change to Europe's economies since the end of the gold standard. On the first Tuesday of every month, the cars deposit 15 governors of the EU central banks. They are planning the evolution that would turn an inner group among them into one of the most powerful bodies on the Continent, wielding deep and wide influence over jobs, prices, mortgages and stock markets.



Lamfalussy: EMI's calm and precise president



George: at the top table for Britain



Tietmeyer: speaks of German reluctance

Britain was represented yesterday by Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England. Marking France's six-month tenure of the EU's rotating presidency, Edmond Alphandéry, the Finance Minister, made a one-off appearance. As usual, a senior official from the Italian central bank gave a short rundown on how far the EU governments have got in trying to meet the strict rules for economic convergence laid down in the Maastricht treaty's game plan for a European single currency. The meetings are chaired by Alexandre Lamfalussy, the EMI's calm and precise Belgian president. The governors discuss how the EMI should transform itself into a European central bank taking over the running of monetary policy from the national central banks and governments qualified to join a monetary union. Will intervention in the world's money markets be run from Frankfurt or contracted out to the national capitals? Just in case the governors decide to do it from the Frankfurt headquarters, space on the 30th floor has been set aside for a dealing room.

The EMI staff of about 100 people hired from finance ministries and banks write papers on how to reconcile the differing French and English technical definitions of inflation. The EMI council will soon begin to discuss the design, and perhaps even the name, of the currency. M Lamfalussy has hinted that he favours a bird on the banknote.

The EMI is only one of an overlapping network of committees struggling to prepare a financial revolution on an unprecedented scale and in a permanent climate of political uncertainty. The institute decides the banknotes: directors of national mints will settle the appearance, weight and metal mix of the coins. The EU is advised by Noel Moore, a retired British official, who was the secretary to the committee that organised Britain's decimalisation in 1971.

Decimalisation meant the replacement of only three coins in one country. According to some estimates, European monetary union might require 350,000 tonnes of coin blanks ready for stamping and up to 18 billion banknotes. Experts agree that even if every national mint worked flat out for four years, they could not meet the need. A committee of experts convened by Brussels recently announced that banks would use a single currency before the notes and coins entered everyday circulation in cash tills and slot machines.

The Maastricht treaty assumes that the new money will be called the ecu, but German politicians have served regular warnings that the term will not be popular with their voters, who are attached to the mark — which has not been devalued in four decades. Dr Hans Tietmeyer, president of the Bundesbank and the most powerful person round the EMI table, said brutally last month that deep German reluctance to enter a single currency would not be assuaged by naming it after the present currency unit, which has lost a third of its value in the past ten years.

The technical disputes thus reflect the political battles that will be to the fore of European politics at the end of this decade. Back in Brussels, the powerful EU monetary committee, chaired by the famously taciturn Sir Nigel Wicks, of the Treasury, advises the finance ministers on the most sensitive question of all: which countries have low enough interest rates, public debts and inflation to qualify to join a single currency. The answer to that question depends on Germany. The momentum behind a single currency is driven by political, not economic, motives. Germany's neighbours, led by France, want to share out the power now in the hands of the Bundesbank to shape monetary policy across the Continent. As one French commentator said yesterday: "The problem remains of how to fit Germany into a European environment. Monetary union is one way of doing this."

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, seems content to press on with monetary union while leaving vague the details of political co-ordination between the states involved. But he is facing trouble on two fronts: younger politicians in his Christian Democratic Union want to insist that a currency union is matched by a true political union and, more immediately, the Chancellor holds power by the narrowest of margins and his coalition is fraying at the edges.

America says Balkans in danger of igniting

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE Balkans are "one spark away from a much wider war", according to Richard Holbrooke, the American Assistant Secretary of State. He echoes growing international alarm about the prospects for peace in the area Churchill described as producing more history than it can digest.

Serbs, Muslims and Croats in Bosnia are rearming — it is believed for a spring offensive — with strains in the Muslim-Croat federation threatening to break into the open. Croatia is preparing to expel the United Nations, which would leave confrontation lines between Croats and rebel Serbs unmanned by peacekeepers. Serbia is ostensibly continuing to ostracise its old allies in Bosnia, but its real long-term intentions remain unclear. The Bosnian Serbs stubbornly refuse to accept the latest peace plan and give up large swathes of land they have conquered.

An exasperated Mr Holbrooke said this week that Washington had "closed down" discussions with Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and would not resume talks until the Bosnian Serbs were ready to accept the Contact Group peace plan. "There's no point in shuttling up the hill from Sarajevo to Pale to listen to the kind of crap which was dished out by Karadzic," he said.

"Things have not been as peaceful in the Balkans in years as they are today. And yet we are one spark away from a much wider war and that spark could come from either Croatia or Bosnia."

Europe is meanwhile calling for a summit of the Bosnian, Croat and Serbian leaders, but since Serbia has rejected the proposal and Dr Karadzic is not invited, it is unclear what this would achieve. The meeting, planned for Paris later this month, is the brainchild of Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, who says that it is a "last-chance scenario".

The Bosnian Serbs complain that the territory assigned to them by the Contact Group plan comprises disjointed parcels of land of little value without access to the sea. In reality, they are not even happy with what they already control and would like to expel Muslims from the eastern enclaves and to widen the strip of land near Brcko, which links Bosnian-held territory in the east and north.

Serbia, however, is where the wars in Croatia and Bosnia began, and where they may end. Michael Robinson, the former British chargé d'affaires in Belgrade, says: "An unpredictable and undemocratic Serbia, sitting between existing and potential members of the EU, and playing off major powers and international organisations against one another, will be a constant strain." In a paper published by the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Mr Robinson calls on the West to encourage democracy in Serbia by coming to the aid of democratic opponents of President Milosevic and the imperilled independent press.

He adds: "Arguably, it was a Western own goal to have excluded Serbia and Montenegro from the CSCE [Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, renamed the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe in December] process, when it should have been a priority to raise standards of democracy in rump Yugoslavia."

Factions build arsenals

ALL three ethnic factions in Bosnia-Herzegovina are rearming and reorganising their forces, according to Nato (Michael Evans writes).

The build-up of weapons, which has been going on throughout the three-month ceasefire, is being monitored by surveillance aircraft. A senior Nato official said yesterday that there was a considerable build-up of small arms. Nato is ready to underpin any peace agreement with forces. But there is concern that the effort to find a solution is still "not as co-ordinated as it should be".

The official said: "We have got to draw this war to a close soon, because if we don't it will continue to ferment for years."



Painting gets under way in the seven-yearly facelift of the Eiffel Tower. Twenty-five mountaineers, using ropes and harnesses, yesterday started work on the monument, built in 1889 as part of the International Exhibition. The team will remove rust from the 2.15 million sq ft of girders and struts before more than 5.9 tonnes of anti-rust and "Eiffel Tower brown" paint is applied. The operation will take 14 months and cost £2.4 million. *(AFP)*

Kohl seeks new 'contract' with Clinton

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

NEW moves to reshape Nato and to draw up a "new wider transatlantic contract" will be at the heart of a visit to Washington this week by Helmut Kohl.

The German Chancellor and President Clinton have come close to declaring a "special relationship", a contemporary partnership to match the historically determined ties between London and Washington. That shift occurred during Mr Clinton's visit to Bonn in July; it came amid continuing confusion over whether the allies should use force in the Bosnian war.

Now the two leaders will try to give substance to the rhetoric about joint global responsibilities. First, they have to work out how the traditional institutions of transatlantic co-operation — above all, Nato — should be adapted to modern circumstances. During the visit, Herr Kohl and Mr Clinton are expected to clear up at least one outstanding issue: the priority to be given to the East European states aspiring to Nato membership. These detailed policy issues hardly demand personal co-ordination by the leaders.

The real focus will be to work out the capacity for change in the alliance — to broaden co-operation beyond the security dimension and include institutionalised political and economic contacts.

French habit of squealing returns to terrify officials

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

A BAND of city officials and businessmen around Grenoble could sleep soundly last night, free from the possible vengeance of Alain Carignon, the Mayor and recent French Cabinet minister who has been in jail on corruption charges since last October.

In the latest turn in a case that has chilled the political establishment, a judge refused yesterday to release M Carignon. Communications Minister in the Government of Edouard Balladur until last autumn, because he might "trouble public order" and put pressure on witnesses before his trial.

Behind the decision by Judge Philippe Courroye of Lyons lies an outbreak of denunciation to the authorities. The practice of informing, which sent thousands to their deaths in the Revolution and during the Nazi occupation, has made a spectacular appearance the field of public administration, according to judges, tax inspectors and journalists. Antoine Gaudino, the investigator who unravelled a scandal that helped to sink the Socialist Government in 1993, said that denunciation "is the sign that the law of silence which reigned until now is being shredded".

Informing is as ancient as the human race, but the present wave is being viewed as proof of a notorious streak in the Gallic soul, one that was recorded in literature from Balzac to Simenon and is familiar to anyone who has dealt with an old-style Paris concierge. *La Délation*, noted *Globe Hebdo* magazine recently, "is a national characteristic, a sort of Gallic original sin". According to *le Nouvel Observateur* magazine: "In today's France we are denouncing, squealing, ratting and turning in more and more, especially in the corridors of power."

Because of painful recent history, when citizens shopped each other in five million letters written to the Vichy authorities, the subject remains sensitive. The police rarely issue photofit pictures and there was an outcry when television launched an equivalent to Britain's *Crime Watch* in 1993. Nevertheless, the spirit of informing is still encouraged by the authorities, such as the inland revenue, which depends on tips for about 10 per cent of its tax investigations. Cheated wives and mistresses are the richest source, inspectors say.

The Carignon case offers a model for the new fashion. The investigation started when Judge Courroye received a neatly stencilled letter, complete with detailed dossier, of the alleged illicit finances of the mayor-minister. The judge has since waded his way through unsolicited evidence against M Carignon, both anonymous and otherwise. Patrick Thull, director of M Carignon's office, wrote to the judge: "It is my duty to bring to your attention acts to which I have been witness," according to press accounts. M Thull is one of many former allies with whom the Mayor presumably would like to communicate.

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Fleeing Chechens pledge 'war with no front lines'



Russian troops claim to have taken Grozny, but the withdrawing Chechens are defiant to the end, writes ***Anthony Loyd****, the last British newspaper journalist in the city*

GROZNY'S Chechen defenders are withdrawing from the centre and south of the city and taking to the hills to regroup, leaving the capital a confusing and menacing no-man's land.

Yesterday through a smoke-laden mist, I watched from a snowy ditch as a Russian tank clanked past. With softly murmured curses of relief, a 20-strong band of Chechens hidden nearby stood up and moved off into the darkness. Fighters, nurses, and a surgeon, they were among the last to abandon the Chechen command headquarters when the order to do so had come suddenly at midnight.

The route to the headquarters had been unnerving. The Russian advance was grouped around the city in a horseshoe, leaving only a narrow corridor open, approachable on foot to the southwest. As I trudged this route through the dim light on Monday afternoon, I encountered only departing Chechen soldiers, who told me that they had been given the order to pull back rather than face encirclement.

A curious stillness hung over Grozny. The Minutka area, for a time a Chechen stronghold after the loss of the Presidential Palace three weeks ago, was now little more than a smouldering architectural skeleton. Burning houses and gas pipes throughout the city glowed through the gathering fog and snow bathing the devastation in varying shades of orange, and casting strange shadows on the deserted streets and shattered masonry.

As darkness settled the artillery began. From close by came the sound of moving armored vehicles and the crack of small-arms fire.

General Aslan Maskhadov, commander of the Chechen forces and a former colonel of the Soviet army looked tired though not dispirited. He had just eaten after the day's Ramadan fast, and greeted me in his bunker headquarters below a building near the southern front.

"I can only wonder at the strength with which my men have fought," he said. "The Russians attack us with planes, then artillery, then tanks, levelling the houses before them.

"Yet still my men emerged from the rubble to fight on. But we cannot match the Russian weaponry, and will have to fight a different type of war. It's not a retreat — it's a planned withdrawal. All we can do is fight on, to show not only that we want our independence, but that we are willing to die for it."

General Maskhadov added: "We don't have their munitions, but when one of my soldiers is given ten RPGs I expect eight tanks to be destroyed."

His optimistic mood was reflected by others in the cellars who looked like *Mad Max* extras, with their shaven heads, wild black beards, turbans, clanking bandoliers and flowing coat. The fighters were dancing — the wild and the damned singing as the city burnt.

Among the fighters, no less laden than the others with automatic rifle magazines and warheads, sat a 13-year-old boy called Esa. He had come to fight in Grozny with his father who had been wounded and evacuated, while Esa had chosen to stay. He was skinny, shaven-headed and pale, a dwarf beside the robust fighters around him. But though his features were smooth and childlike, his words reflected the concerns of the hard-bitten.

"I can feel nothing when I fight on the front line," he said, after claiming to have killed on a number of occasions. "The worst thing is to lose your friends; 19 of mine have died there. The next worst thing is when some men start to panic under fire.

"I did not go to Russia to fight the Russians. I am fighting in my country, for my country: for my village, my people, and my God."

As the revelry subsided some fighters slept while others left to reinforce rearguard positions nearby. Then came the word to move and the Chechens departed in groups for a rendezvous far to the south-west. The shelling had become much closer as the Russians pushed forward, and it appeared that, rather than be caught in their loop, General Maskhadov had decided to fall back towards Grozny's remaining gateway.

However the journey was one of protracted effort and confusion. It was uncertain how close the Russians were as their signal flares appeared to be everywhere. But as the sky lightened most parties from the headquarters appeared to have arrived at the new location, and their mood lifted. Thoughts turned to the coming days and their next move.

"I never thought that I would see this happen," said one fighter about his fallen capital. "There will be much blood paid for this. The Russians have made a bad, bad mistake. But we did manage to hold out here for 37 days — Berlin lasted only two weeks in 1945. This war will continue, only now it will be one without front lines."

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Members of Russia's crack commando team, Alfa, prepare for a battle in Grozny

Yeltsin lawyer on art theft charge

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A PROMINENT Russian lawyer, once appointed by President Yeltsin to head an anti-corruption investigation, has been charged by police in St Petersburg with complicity in the theft of priceless manuscripts smuggled to Israel.

Dmitri Yakubovsky, who was arrested in December, has been charged with involvement in the theft of artefacts valued at more than £100 million.

Police said that the haul of Oriental documents, some 1,300 years old, had been taken from the Russian National Library in December and later recovered by police in a private apartment.

Two men arrested at the flat said that they worked for Mr Yakubovsky. Israeli police arrested six more people, including the thieves.

However, the circumstances of the arrest and Mr Yakubovsky's previous connections have led many to suspect that he may be the victim of Kremlin intrigue.



Boesak: second charity under investigation

'Charity funds enriched Boesak'

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE anti-apartheid cleric, the Rev Allan Boesak, is accused of unlawfully enriching himself at the expense of his charitable foundation, funded by Scandinavian donors, in a report to Thabo Mbeki, South Africa's First Deputy President. The report is expected to be released by the charity, Danchurch Aid, in Cape Town today.

Dr Boesak was appointed Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva last year, but his appointment was put on hold while the allegations were investigated.

The report by Johannesburg lawyers says: "Dr Boesak has enriched himself substantially at the expense of the foundation." It adds that the director of the Foundation for Peace and Justice, Freddy Steenkamp, "has committed serious criminal offences".

The report comments that Dr Boesak's only explanation is that he did not know how his affairs were being conducted by Mr Steenkamp. "He justifies a monthly income far in excess of what can reasonably be expected, and numerous other benefits, by saying that he left his personal affairs to Mr Steenkamp," it says. "This forces one to the inescapable conclusion that, in the absence of plausible explanations by Dr Boesak, he has unlawfully appropriated to himself monies to which he was not entitled." Danchurch Aid joined forces with Swedish and Norwegian charities to investigate the use of 2.7 million rands (£540,000) given by the foundation.

Cape police are also investigating another missing 423,000 rands given by the American singer, Paul Simon, to help child victims of apartheid. The money was given to the Children's Trust, a charity administered by Dr Boesak's foundation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Walesa holds off on threat

Warsaw: President Walesa of Poland, holding back on a threat to dissolve Parliament and giving the coalition Government a breathing space, seems to be awaiting proposals for big Cabinet changes.

Mr Walesa's spokesman said yesterday that the President might wait until next week before adopting "radical measures". He said: "I think the President has given time for decisions . . . which should be made by the end of this week or early next week." Commentators had been expecting Mr Walesa to declare that he would dismiss the left-wing Government. *(Reuter)*

Rival expelled

Delhi: India's ruling Congress party expelled Arjun Singh, a former Cabinet member and leading rival of P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister, in an effort to close ranks before crucial state polls this week. *(Reuter)*

Teachers strike

Paris: Thousands of French teachers and students took part in a one-day strike in the first serious social unrest since Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, said he would stand for President. *(Reuter)*

Turtle ban

Suva: The Fiji Government will ban sales of turtles for 12 months to protect them from being hunted to extinction. Their meat is regarded as a delicacy in the South Pacific island nation. *(AP)*

Palace polish

Versailles: The palace of the Sun King, Louis XIV, second only in France to the Louvre in the number of visitors it attracts, is to undergo renovation, enlarging its parklands and adding new halls. *(AFP)*

Navel reserve

Cairo: Egypt's 12,000 professional belly dancers — one for every 5,000 inhabitants — paid more than £9 million in taxes last year, the weekly *Subah al-Kheir* said, citing tax office statistics. *(AFP)*

Correction

A map of Cyprus which appeared yesterday was wrongly labelled. The two parts of the island should have been shown as "Turkish Cypriot populated" and "Greek Cypriot populated".

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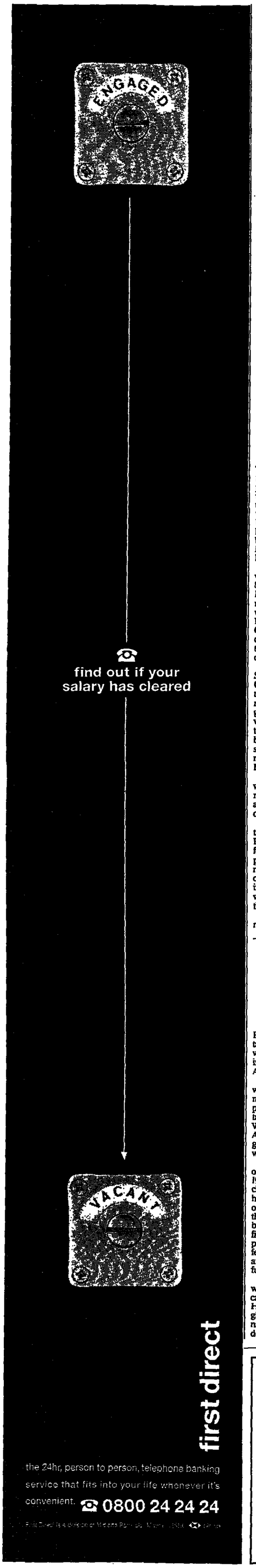
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Passengers sue Cunard over chaotic cruises on QE2

BY JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

A CLASS-ACTION claim alleges that passengers on the troubled Christmas cruises of the *QE2* were exposed to health hazards ranging from asbestos dust and noxious fumes to an "exploding toilet".

The claim demands that Cunard pay a full refund and $100,000 (£64,000) in damages to each of the 500 passengers on the cruises from Southampton and New York, and set up a $50 million fund to cover their possible future medical expenses. Cunard said last night that it would vigorously fight the action.

The "defendant was negligent in proceeding with the voyage while the vessel was still under renovation and, thus, subjecting the passengers to physical injury and emotional distress", said the claim filed in the New York Supreme Court.

The principal charge is that renovations to the *QE2* during the voyages exposed passengers to asbestos dust and "other noxious fumes" that could cause long-term illness. The claim asks the court to "fix a fund of $50 million so that each passenger and/or individual plaintiff have funds for periodic annual examinations for asbestos-related or other toxic diseases on and after January 1, 2005". According to legal papers, passengers allegedly suffered from "fear of unsafe practices, including blocked passageways to the deck areas in case of a need to evacuate the vessel or to reach the deck areas in an emergency".

There were inadequate sanitary and laundry facilities, unsafe or missing doors, improper carpeting, and a lack of agreed accommodation, water, heat and air conditioning. "Several passengers suffered other physical injuries: tripping over improper carpeting, an exploding toilet and other hazards," the claim adds.

The legal action is the result of the chaotic cruises in December during which workman struggled to finish a £30 million refit of the *QE2*.

The claim was filed on a contingency basis by Christine Hall, a lawyer from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, who won a cruise in a competition, and Paul Edelman, a leading maritime lawyer in New York. Miss Hall said that when the ship docked in New York, the lavatory in her luxury cabin blew effluent on her evening dress.

Eric Flounders, the Cunard spokesman, said he was not aware that any British passengers had added their names to the action. He said they had been offered a full refund, a voucher for use on another cruise this year, and spending money. "Half have agreed to these terms," he said. However, one former passenger, Peter Ludlow, a jeweler from Camberley, Surrey, said that Cunard's offer was unsatisfactory and he would consider joining the American action.

House votes to enhance President's power over spending

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE House of Representatives has overwhelmingly approved another key element of the Republicans' *Contract with America*, a measure that would enhance greatly the President's power by letting him cut specific items from broad congressional spending Bills without vetoing the entire legislation.

Monday night's 294-134 vote was timed to coincide with the 84th birthday of Ronald Reagan, who repeatedly demanded a "line-item veto" when he was President, and Republicans rushed from Capitol Hill to a dinner honouring their ailing hero to trumpet how they had "won one for the Gipper".

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, said the Republican Congress had chosen to give the Democratic President more power because it was good for America. A line-item veto would enable presidents to reduce the budget deficit by blocking scores of unnecessary projects congressmen routinely slip into spending Bills to please constituents.

Also at the birthday dinner was Baroness Thatcher, who received a standing ovation and told Mr Gingrich: "You're doing a great job."

In addition to this legislation the House has approved Bills mandating a balanced federal budget by 2002, stopping Congress imposing costly new directives on states without proper funding, and forcing it to abide by the workplace laws it imposes on the private sector.

However, the Senate remains more sceptical of Mr Gingrich's *Contract*. It has serious reservations about surrendering power to the President through the line-item veto, and may block the "balanced budget" amendment to the Constitution. In both the House and Senate there is growing opposition to another key plank of the *Contract* — a Bill limiting how long congressmen may serve.

President Clinton, meanwhile, faced rapidly escalating opposition to his nomination of Henry Foster, a black Nashville doctor, as America's new Surgeon-General.

Anti-abortion groups produced a transcript of remarks Dr Foster purportedly made to a government committee in 1978 in which he said that he had "done a lot of amniocenteses and therapeutic abortions, probably near 700". Dr Foster denied that he said this, but top Republicans said that his Senate confirmation was jeopardised by his earlier admission that he had performed "fewer than a dozen" abortions.

The White House insisted that Mr Clinton would stand by Dr Foster, who had broken no law and had long campaigned against teenage pregnancies. To abandon the nominee would also reinforce Mr Clinton's image as a weak leader and remind America how he earlier jettisoned Zoe Baird, Kimba Wood and Lani Guinier the moment their nominations encountered resistance.

White House officials also said yesterday that Mr Clinton had chosen General Michael Carns, who retired last year as second-in-command of the US Air Force, to replace James Woolsey as director of the CIA. William Crowe, the Ambassador to Britain, was approached but refused.

If confirmed, General Carns, 57, would take over an agency reeling from the Aldrich Ames spy scandal, struggling to establish a post-Cold War role, and facing a hostile Congress demanding sweeping reform of America's intelligence services. The Vietnam veteran and Harvard Business School graduate has a reputation as a strong, innovative manager, but he has no personal ties to Mr Clinton and could find it as hard as Mr Woolsey to engage the President.

A CNN-*USA Today* poll yesterday showed support for President Clinton edging up to 49 per cent after his State of the Union speech and bold rescue of the Mexican peso. Continuing ethical rows pushed disapproval of Mr Gingrich up 13 points to 48 per cent over the past two weeks, but approval of Congress reached 37 per cent, its highest since 1987.



Ronald Reagan celebrates his 84th birthday at his home in Westwood, California



Thatcher: a birthday tribute to Reagan

Clinton's policy on China in disarray

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

US POLICY towards China appeared yesterday to be in almost as much disarray as China's policy towards America.

As President Clinton suggested power may have passed from the dying Deng Xiaoping to new leaders unsure how to treat America, it emerged that the White House convened a meeting on Monday to try to inject some coherence into dealings with China.

On the one hand, the Administration wants China to end unfair trading pratices including the blatant pircy of American intellectual property, improve its human rights and stop selling missile technology to dangerous Third-World regimes. On the other, it has been blatantly wooing Peking to ensure American business benefits from China's rapid economic expansion.

"There is a sense there is not a lot of order to all this, and we have to get it together," one participant in Monday's meeting told *The New York Times*.

The lack of coherence has been illustrated this week by the Administration's threat to impose the largest sanctions in American history on $1.08-billion (£690-million) worth of Chinese goods, unless Peking agrees by February 26 to crack down on rampant copyright piracy.

Such toughness seems justified by the scale of the theft, and has broad backing from corporate America. Factories in southern China produce an estimated 75 million pirated compact discs a year and American computer programmes worth $10,000 can be bought for $100 in Peking.

Peking swiftly offered to resume talks, suggesting it might be prepared to meet US demands, but it may equally be stalling. It could be risky for Mr Deng's potential successors to be seen accommodating America, and given the mixed signals from Washington they have good reason to question whether the Administration would follow through on its threats.

Desperate to increase trade with China, Mr Clinton last year ceased making renewal of China's preferential trading status conditional on improved human rights, and has since backed away from his promise to issue a voluntary code of practice for American companies doing business in China.

On January 1, America slashed tariffs on a range of goods from China and other "most favoured nation" trading partners, giving Peking a windfall far outweighing the sanctions now threatened. Later this month Hazel O'Leary, the Energy Secretary, visits Peking to try to persuade China to spend billions of dollars on American electric power systems.



O'Leary: has mission to boost trade with China

Rich who give up passports face tax

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON has taken aim at the super-rich who evade billions of dollars in taxes by renouncing their American citizenship.

He has proposed rules that would close a tax loophole and make potential American expatriates pay a huge departure tax before moving abroad. Wealthy foreigners living in America who give up their green-card residence permits would be penalised similarly.

If Congress accepts the plan offered by Mr Clinton in his 1996 budget, those renouncing citizenship or residence will have to pay capital gains taxes on any unrealised assets in their holdings as if they had been sold. They would also find another loophole closed, preventing them from transferring assets to their children at low tax rates through trust funds.

Under present law, worldwide gains realised by Americans are subject to US tax. However, if an American gives up citizenship, the Internal Revenue Service generally does not impose taxes on accumulated gains. That is why changing citizenship has offered a lucrative escape route.

The US Treasury says that about two dozen of the super-rich give up their American passports solely for tax purposes every year.

Among those singled out in press reports yesterday were Kenneth Dart, a billionaire investor and heir to a huge business in foam drinking cups, who has relinquished his citizenship and moved to Belize. Another departing billionaire, John Dorrance, of the Campbell soup family, has moved to Ireland. Other wealthy Americans have abandoned their citizenship for Caribbean tax havens.

The crackdown will raise an estimated $2.2 billion (£1.4 billion) over five years, either from the departure tax or from those who decide not to go into exile and remain to pay their taxes. The proposed law would affect only the richest: the first $600,000 in unrealised gains would be exempt from the charge.

Submarine to scour old trade route

New York: The American scientist who found the wreck of the *Titanic* plans to use a nuclear-powered submarine to scour the Mediterranean (James Bone writes).

Robert Ballard, who discovered the *Titanic* two miles beneath the Atlantic in 1985, convinced the US Navy to let him use an NR1 submarine this summer to search for wrecks along the ancient trade route between Rome and Carthage. The NR1, which dives deeper than any other nuclear-powered craft, performed secret Cold War missions, including the recovery of an F14 fighter.

The 146ft submarine, with a crew of 11, has wheels that let it roll across the seabed, 27 external spotlights, and an array of powerful sonars. It can stay under water for long periods. Dr Ballard, who also discovered the wreck of the *Bismarck*, became interested in the Rome-Carthage sea route when he located a complete Roman ship in half a mile of water in the Mediterranean, 60 miles north of Tunis, in the late 1980s.

Ivy League women targeted for eggs

BY JAMES BONE

THE parents of women at America's top universities have been shocked by the revelation that their daughters are being asked to sell their eggs through advertisements in campus newspapers.

Infertile couples seeking eggs from intelligent donors have begun placing small ads in student newspapers at Ivy League institutions such as Yale and Columbia. "Donor sought: empathetic, intelligent, healthy, attractive (preferably dark-haired Jewish) woman 21-28," read one announcement, which promised a $2,000 (£1,266) payment and a free physical examination.

Whhile some students may be tempted to donate their eggs to raise money for the spiralling costs of their college tuition, their parents are unhappy.

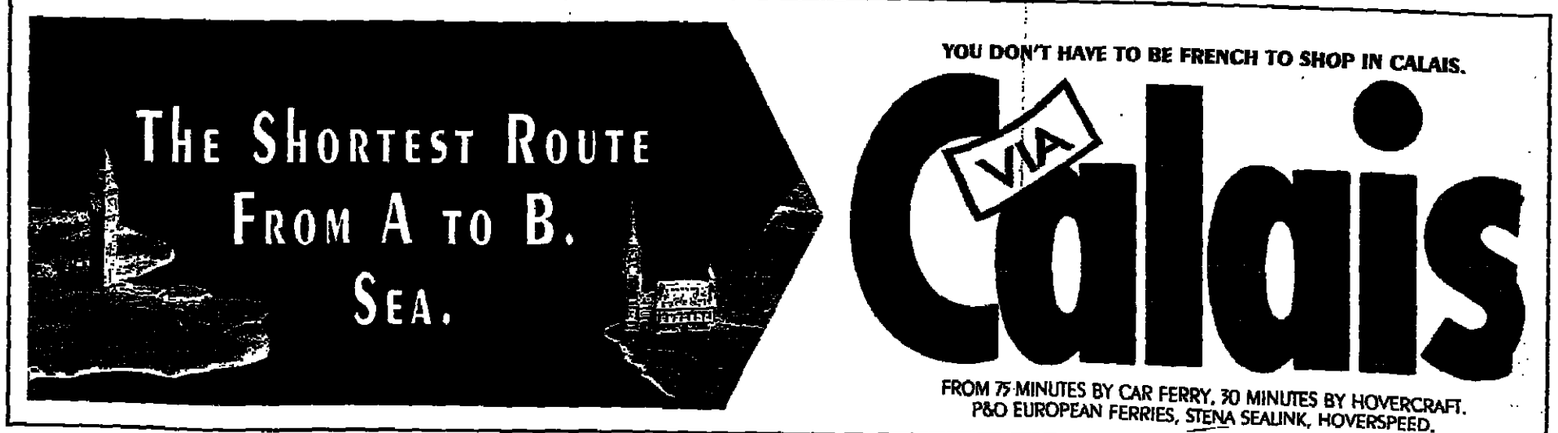
"I was absolutely astounded that my daughter, whom I went to all that hard work to produce, could become somebody whom yuppies would want to pay for her eggs," said Linda Stasi, a columnist on the New York *Daily News*, whose daughter read an advertisement for a donor at Wellesley College, Hillary Clinton's alma mater.

The advertisement offered the right Caucasian women in the 21-32 age range, preferably more than 5ft 6ins tall, a free week in New York plus $5,000 for an egg. All applicants were asked to supply a photograph.

"I understand the concept of not wanting to take a chance on an anonymous donor, but not my kid, thank you," said Stasi.

Unlike the relative simplicity of organising sperm donation, providing eggs is a complicated procedure requiring women to take potent fertility drugs for at least five days to enhance ovulation and then to undergo sedation when the eggs are removed.

But Lisa Sargent, the editor-in-chief of the *Wellesley News*, defended her decision to run the advertisement, saying that she saw it as a good opportunity for students who needed money and had no moral qualms about donating their eggs.



British aid groups ordered to return to Phnom Penh

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE British Government has told British aid workers operating in the Cambodian countryside to return to Phnom Penh, the capital, to avoid kidnap by Khmer Rouge guerrillas, or else their funding will be withdrawn.

The directive, by Paul Reddicliffe, the British Ambassador, reflects the increasing threat from a resurgent Khmer Rouge which kidnapped and killed three young Britons in two separate incidents last year. Britain has already advised its citizens in Cambodia to avoid non-essential travel outside Phnom Penh.

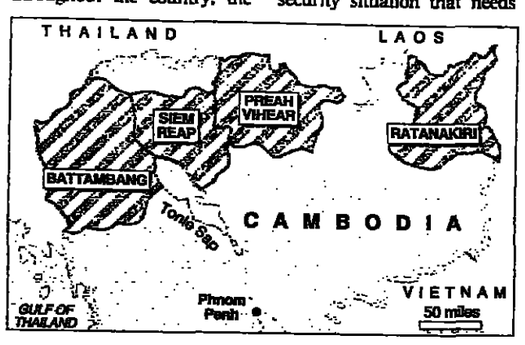
The Khmer Rouge guerrillas have begun breaking up large units to form small underground teams capable of launching hit-and-run attacks throughout the country, the Cambodian Government said yesterday. "The Khmer Rouge are separating into small groups to hide themselves in many areas of the country and wait for the order from their leaders to begin offensive campaigns," Sar Kheng, the Interior Minister, said.

The British ruling to aid workers has prompted anger from the 14 agencies that receive funds from the Overseas Development Administration, the foreign aid arm of the Foreign Office. Heads of the affected agencies were gathering signatures for a letter to Mr Reddicliffe protesting against the decision and asking for it to be withdrawn.

"You cannot make a judgment for the whole country for a three-month period on a security situation that needs constant monitoring and upgrading," one aid worker said. "The ludicrous part of it is that it includes expatriate staff in Ratanakiri (province) who have not seen a Khmer Rouge in 20 years," she said, adding that it was the same situation in south-eastern Prey Veng and Svay Rieng provinces, "where the Khmer Rouge have not been seen since 1978".

Aid agencies have also written to the Overseas Development Administration saying that their field workers had developed sound security guidelines and should not be put in the same category as tourists. "We are not stupid enough to sit around like sitting ducks waiting for someone to take us," the aid worker said. "It is very much playing into the Khmer Rouge's hands if resources are withdrawn," another said.

Most foreign governments have endorsed the Cambodian authorities' strategy of promoting rural development as a means to cut the support base for the Khmer Rouge. In January, the guerrillas attacked villages and government military outposts in north-west Battambang and Siem Reap provinces, and northern Preah Vihear province, the Interior Minister's report said, adding that 25 soldiers, five police officers and 37 civilians were killed.





The Princess of Wales chats with wellwishers after visiting a centre for the elderly in a Tokyo suburb yesterday. Hundreds turned out to see her

Japanese show fresh symptoms of 'Diana fever'

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

CHEERING crowds and a crush of reporters greeted the Princess of Wales as she visited a day centre for the elderly and a Commonwealth cemetery in Japan yesterday.

Commentators had pointed on Monday to the scant interest shown by media and ordinary people in her arrival, suggesting unease about her solo visit to Japan, where there is a strong stigma attached to divorce and scandal. However, the enthusiastic reception yesterday prompted a British embassy spokesman to remark: "All the TV stations are here — everyone's watching her, and it looks like 'Diana fever' in Japan all over again."

The Princess began the second day of her four-day visit at a centre for the aged in the western suburbs of Tokyo. She waved to about 600 Japanese who lined the narrow streets before exchanging her black high-heeled shoes at the entrance for slippers, a traditional custom. Sumire Sano, 92, one of the oldest at the centre, said it was "a big honour" to meet the Princess. "She really is beautiful." The scandals surrounding her estrangement from the Prince of Wales were "a personal thing, involving circumstances we don't know about". More than 1,000 wellwishers turned out in the afternoon to throng the last half mile of the tree-lined route to the Commonwealth war graves in Yokohama, about an hour's drive from Tokyo.

An evening reception at the British Embassy in the capital provided the only touch of glamour on what is essentially a sober working trip for the Princess, whose agenda is dominated by visits to the elderly, sick and disabled.

Amnesty condemns Turkey over rights

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TURKISH human rights violations are "out of control", with security forces carrying out acts of terror, torture and killings every day, according to a report issued today by Amnesty International.

This will go on, the London-based human rights group says, until the Turkish Government ends its policy of denial. Amnesty calls on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to act to prevent violations.

The report says Ankara's refusal to admit that anything is wrong has led to an increase in torture, disappearances and extra-judicial killings, which have been perpetrated with impunity by security forces throughout the country.

Villagers in provinces of southeast Turkey under a state of emergency are the most frequent victims.

"Victims of torture include not only suspected political opponents, but also those detained for ordinary criminal offences," Amnesty says. "Last December Abdullah Salman, 13, was wrongly accused of stealing a wallet at his workplace. Abdullah was held in police custody for three days during which he was blindfolded, kicked, beaten and subjected to electric shocks."

The report says that the increased violations in Kurdish areas have been matched by the actions of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), which has carried out summary murders and killed civilians during attacks on Kurdish communities believed to support the Government.

But the abuses have continued "despite a declaration by the PKK in December 1994 that it would abide by common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions which protects civilians and prisoners".

The Amnesty report is likely to have more impact on Turkey than most because of its membership of the Strasbourg-based Council of Europe and its commitment to stop human rights abuses.

However, the Turkish Government considers that much of the report is biased, and believes that trusting declarations of "good conduct" by PKK guerrillas reveals a naivety that underlies many of Amnesty's judgments.

Satellite sabotage alleged

Hong Kong: A Peking-controlled newspaper here blamed Hughes Space and Communications, the US satellite builders, for destroying the $160 million (£103 million) Apstar 2 satellite last month.

Ta Kung Pao said that sabotage by nations jealous of China's space programme could not be ruled out. It reported that the Hughes-built satellite blew up first, shortly after the launch, destroying China's Long March 2E rocket launch vehicle. Hughes officials declined to comment, pending the outcome of an inquiry. *(Reuter)*

Bordering on the unlucky

Jerusalem: The clock is ticking for a man from Gaza who claims he won a £1.2-million Israeli lottery but cannot collect because of an entry ban on Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"If he gets permission to enter Israel, he will get the prize," a lottery spokesman said. However the ticket, drawn two weeks ago, must be redeemed within six months. The ban started on January 22 after an Islamic suicide bomb killed 21 Israelis. *(Reuter)*

Landing near for swimmer

Paris: Guy Delage, 42, the Frenchman trying to swim alone across the Atlantic, has nearly reached the West Indian island of Barbados after 53 days. He is expected to sight land today and to reach shore either tomorrow or on Friday. Since setting out from Cape Verde he has swum for about seven hours a day. The rest of the time he has spent on board his raft where he can sleep and cook. *(AFP)*

Journey to freedom

Mexico City: Keiko, the killer whale who leapt to fame in the film *Free Willy* but who is living in cramped conditions at the Nuevo Reino Aventura amusement park here, will be moved to an Oregon aquarium in America next November and found a mate, before being released off Iceland. The move follows a campaign by environmentalists. *(Reuter)*

Just desserts

Peking: Diners who show off by ordering too many dishes at restaurants in China's southwestern city of Nanning face fines for wastefulness if they leave food uneaten, the *China Daily* said. *(Reuter)*

Militants seized by PLO police

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

PALESTINIAN police in the Gaza Strip yesterday rounded up dozens of members of the radical Palestinian group that earlier had ambushed an Israeli tanker convoy. The security sweep came as peace talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation resumed in Cairo after a gap of nearly four weeks.

The arrests were ordered by Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the PLO, after he had learnt that the Damascus-based group, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, rather than any of its main Islamic rivals carried out Monday's ambush in which Yevgeni Gromov, 32, an Israeli civilian guard, was killed and another, aged 27, was severely injured.

"We will not permit these groups to harm the Israelis, the Palestinians or the peace process," Mr Arafat declared. "We will continue, in our way, to deal with and face all these fanatic and extremist forces. We will not allow them to continue with these activities."

Mr Arafat is due to hold a crucial summit meeting tomorrow with Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, who has linked progress with the delayed 1993 peace accord to much tougher PLO security measures in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Jerusalem church repairs agreed

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

FOR the first time since 1866, much-needed repair work has begun on the great dome of the Holy Sepulchre Church in Jerusalem's Old City, revered by Christians as the site of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

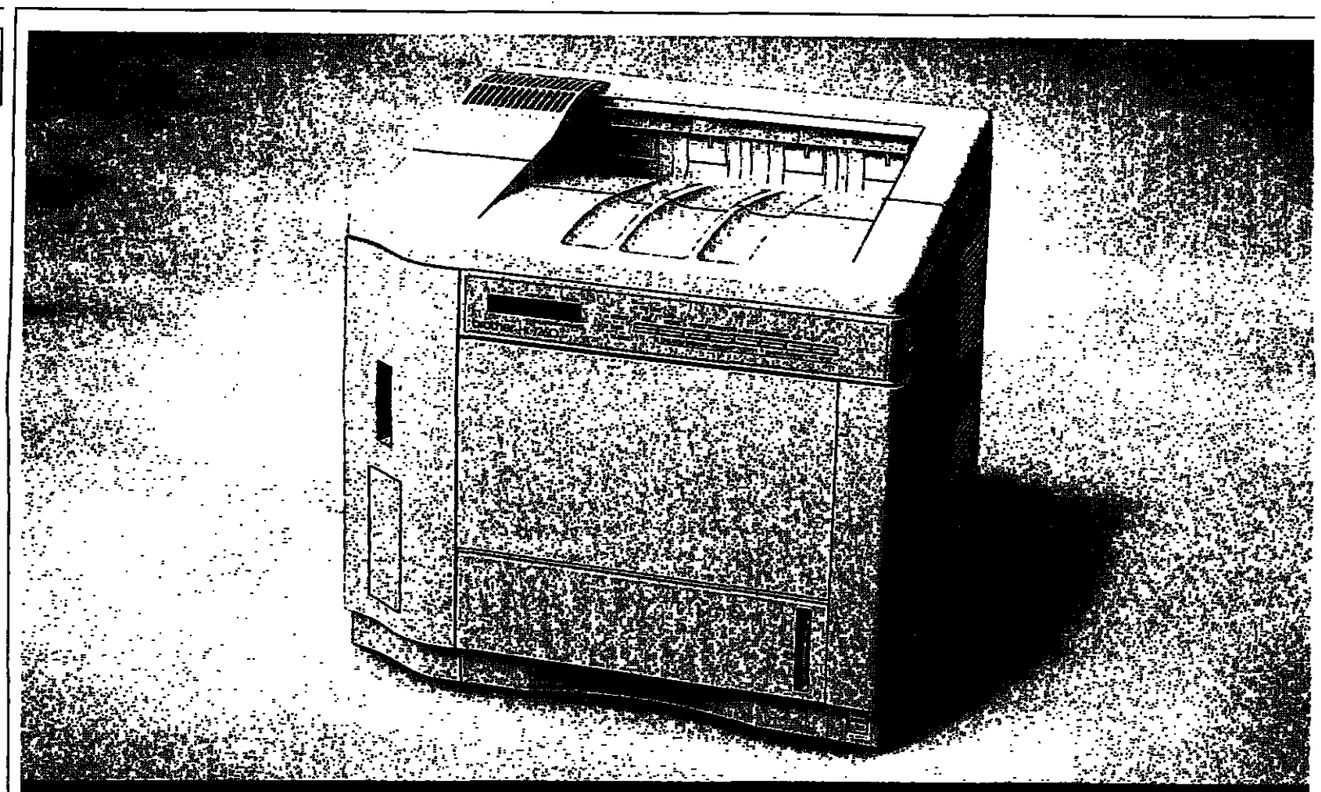
Restoration had been delayed because of decades of wrangling among the three churches that run the shrine, the Greek Orthodox, Armenians and Roman Catholic.

"The communities have reached agreement on a common design and common execution," Bishop Timothy, of the Greek Patriarchate, said yesterday. "Preparatory work is under way."

The soot-blackened, 115ft dome will remain hidden by scaffolding this Easter as it has done every year since 1935 when the British mandate authorities ignored the feuding clerics and shored up the endangered building. Bishop Timothy said that the scaffolding was expected to be removed in about two years.

Over the centuries, the churches have argued, sometimes to the point of bloodshed, over control of the holy places. In 1986, Greek and Armenian clergy came to blows in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity over who could clean a contested area.

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Revelations about the PM and an older woman who invited him round to do his homework open a window on to a more innocent age

Uncle John's adventures in a lost world



LIBBY PURVES

OH, all right, I give in. For a couple of days all we right-thinking, serious-minded people refused to read about Mr Major's youthful fling with an older divorcee, did we not? We stood aloof from such intrusive and irrelevant smut. We may have spilt a certain amount of railway coffee when we were caught off guard by Terry Major-Ball's magnificent denial in the *Evening Standard* that his brother could ever have committed anything pre-marital. "It just isn't the sort of thing that went on my family. It isn't the way we were brought up."

But that was only because it reminded me of my own mother-in-law's magnificent condemnation of a young couple she saw kissing on a railway station. "Eh," she said witheringly. "There's never been any slop in *our* family." Anyway, we respectable, unintrusive folk turned the page quickly, said a quick prayer of contrition to St John of Birt to atone for our frivolity, and punished ourselves with something nice and dreary about dental charges. These trivia about politicians' early lives mean nothing. They may or may not be true, but in any case they cannot change our view of Mr Major now. One way or the other, we all know quite well what we think of Mr Major.

Never mind that he did rather ask for it, with all those soupy party political films of him wandering through Brixton explaining his roots, bootstraps etc before the last election. None of our business if he took his mail-order accountancy homework round to a friendly divorcee's front room, is it? The most we would allow ourselves was a giggle at the expense of Mr Major's various "authoritative" biographers, none of whom had an inkling of any of it.

Alas, these tattered rags of respectability are swept away now; the dam has broken, the witnesses are coming forward in waves, and the whole affair has become just too interesting for flesh and blood to ignore. Siobhan Kierans, the daughter of the older woman, has furnished the world with details which are not prurient but so piquant, so period, so wistfully perfect, that they are irresistible. That fact that Mr Major is the Prime Minister is irrelevant next to the perfection of the 1950s time-capsule we are offered. (Yes, I know it happened in the late 1960s, but the Fifties hung around a long time in Brixton. There is no record, in the domestic world unfolded before us here, of anybody wearing a mini-skirt with a daisy on it or smoking anything less legal than Woodbines.)

Oh, that world! We had never had it so good, unmarried mothers were no better than they should be, and divorcees were daring people to know. On Planet Brixton 1959, male friends of the family were called "Uncle", curry was an exotic treat, outings to crazy-golf were a novelty, and it was a loving part of courtship for the older woman to let her young friend come round and do his correspondence course at her house. These two, according to the torrent of childhood reminiscence from Siobhan in yesterday's *Daily Mail*, listened together to *South Pacific* and Tony Bennett, went on holiday to the Norfolk Broads, and gave one another suede toy dogs, glass animals and a series of canaries (nothing as trendy, you note, as a budgie. Decent people had yellow canaries). Siobhan says that Uncle John's parting gift at the end of the romance was a subscription to the *Reader's Digest*: now do you understand, do you forgive, the wave of nostalgia which has knocked the more susceptible of us 1950 babies off our feet? What a world, what an untouched idyll of glorious postwar safety and Macmillan dullness!

I am even quite prepared to accept that it was a world where brother Terry could go on believing that there was none of that slop in his family.

And, as I said, none of it need make a ha'porth of difference to the way we evaluate our Prime Minister now. Siobhan Kierans's coda to her reminiscences is that the friendship finally ended when the two had a row on the phone in 1981, about the Toxteth riots: Mrs Kierans blamed government policies, Mr Major blamed the rioters. And that is the precise moment where we electors come in and may start to judge our PM. What lies before that in his life happened in a great lost world, as irrecoverable now as Assyria or Lyonnesse. The curtain has lifted for a moment, now let it fall again with a sigh.

But if you really need a moral to restore your self-respect after wallowing so shamefully with me, it is this. Young men! When courting an older woman, remember the beady eyes of those small children in the background! One day they will grow up and have total recall of absolutely everything. Try not to get yourself nicknamed Rover, all right?

Hard times at boot camp

Tom Rhodes reports from Alabama, where a tough regime for young offenders seems to be working

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Military-style discipline: the juvenile centre at Mobile has gained a reputation as the best boot camp of its kind in the United States

The shrill whistle blows at 5am and for the next three hours the shouting never stops. This is the boot camp for juvenile offenders at Mobile, Alabama — a disciplined regime designed to eradicate criminality among its inmates and one which will soon act as a model for Britain.

In the sparse dormitory of steel bunks, 16 shaven-headed individuals jump from their beds and stand to immediate attention. Within seconds, they are dressed in green sweatshirts and pale trousers. One 15-year-old has been too slow with his boots. They undress and start again. This happened three times before Rodney Williams, a black former Marine and chief drill instructor, is satisfied. The atmosphere of sheer terror is tangible.

"We have got all morning," he screamed. "I don't care how long it takes. You're on my time now. Now get down and give me push-ups." The teenagers, most of whom have been convicted of theft, receiving stolen goods or small-time drug dealing, are clearly unused to this rude awakening in the gangs they normally hang out in Mobile.

One offers a questioning glance as the orders are barked with machine-gun-like precision. Tim Davis, an instructor trained by the Special Forces, moved forward to within an inch of the youngster's face. "You got a problem," he yelled. "I can't hear you, you got a problem." A loud "Sir, yessir" follows. In the neighbouring senior dormitory, Philip, a 14-year-old, has wet his bed. Before anyone else can see what has taken place, the entire room is engaged in a strenuous workout and the sheets are swiftly changed. Victimisation is not part of the Mobile doctrine.

After almost an hour and countless press-ups later, the recruits — the terminology at the boot camp is entirely military — are taken to a nearby gymnasium where the real exercise of the day begins. Six of them do not step forward on time and are taken into a corner for rapid supervision. Another black youngster is panting and almost in tears. The drill instructors reach the swift conclusion that he is malingering and order an immediate burst of further physical training.

Then it is a shower, and a breakfast of eggs and grits washed down with tea, before four hours of classes conducted by local teachers. Most schools in the area have long ago rejected these pupils but the hope is that one day they may return to their studies.

Those unable to change their ways are taken to an isolation unit for up to 24 hours. Failure to behave thereafter results in a form of psychological warfare by the instructors, who spend hours breaking the spirits of even the most hardened young offender.

While force is ruled out, the instructors are at liberty to deprive their charges of sleep and can decide when they are permitted to visit the bathroom or how long they should exercise. The code of the camp is explained very simply by Rodney Williams, who says: "If they don't give us respect, then they don't earn respect. It's a lesson for life and we will make their life hell until they understand it.

"We want to see tears, we want young men to cry. If they can't let their emotions go, then you have a ticking timebomb on your hands."

Since such juvenile centres were launched in America four years ago, Mobile, a city port in the deep south of Alabama near its borders with Louisiana and Florida, has gained a reputation as the best boot camp of its kind in the entire country. Gary Christopherson, a Vietnam veteran who directs proceedings from a small trailer, believes that 75 per cent of the teenagers who pass through his system will have learnt not to offend again.

If Britain decides to follow this example, as was proposed by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, in a leaked document to *The Times* this week, Mr Christopherson is convinced it will be a success.

The British, he says, should be wary of those who say that a treatment of short, sharp shock is incapable of reducing the rates of reoffending. "These kids feel hate, they feel fear. Most of them come from single-parent families and have never known a father figure. I must tell you I have been involved in social services for 25 years and this is the only treatment that works."

Sceptics have questioned the lasting value of 90 days of verbal abuse and calisthenics for miscreants from troubled neighbourhoods. Large numbers of adults who have been through similar camps such as Rikers Island, in New York, have often returned to the streets only to join the criminal circus once more.

> 'If they don't give us respect, then they don't earn respect. It's a lesson for the rest of their lives'

The juvenile camps, however, are thought to have been much more effective. With an American penal system severely under pressure, politicians see little viable alternative. Juvenile arrests have risen by 12 per cent in the past six years and prisons are already overflowing to an extent unprecedented in the history of the United States.

Last year President Clinton proposed $172 million (£114 million) to build new boot camps for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18 as an early preventative to juvenile crime. As a result, the daily rigours of the Environment Youth Corps at Mobile will soon be extended to a further 80 young felons in a new barracks which is under construction.

After the initial three-month period, based on a model developed by the US Marines — who describe their officer trainees as Boots — the recruits at Mobile will pass out and become fully-fledged cadets. Subsequently they will undergo a period of nine months' aftercare in which specialists will liaise with parents, schools, churches and, in some cases, prospective employers. If they ever return to the camp, the cadetship will be rescinded and, it is thought, their pride dented.

For most of the inmates, the instructors become both father and mentor for many years after they leave behind the punishing schedule of PT, three-mile runs and early-morning reveille. There have been a number of notable alumni, including some who have joined the army and several who are now attending the University of Southern Alabama.

Bretland Williams, who is responsible for counselling after the recruits have left camp, says that they retain an extraordinary respect for their former drill masters, to the extent where they will try to protect them from the rougher elements of Mobile's streets.

"They will also ring me at all times of the day and night and tell me, for example, that they are with a group of car-jackers," he said. "They want me to come and rescue them."

Daryl, a 16-year-old, has returned to his school in Mobile, where teachers say his average results have greatly improved. He nevertheless walks a tightrope as other boys try to lure him back to the $300-a-day life of a drug dealer. "I show them my books and I keep walking," he says. "I learnt that at boot camp and I will keep it with me forever."

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The secret of my next success

Maurice Saatchi on his vision for a creative future in advertising

Twenty five years ago, some people placed an advertisement in *The Sunday Times*. It announced that it was "time for a new kind of advertising". Those people went on to create the best-known brand name in advertising.

The agency was Saatchi & Saatchi, and the new kind of advertising they talked about was based on a very simple idea. The idea was that advertisements which do well are those which are striking and original. In short, the simple idea for a "new kind of advertising" was that the most effective advertising is the most creative advertising.

That was 25 years ago. A lot has changed since then. Ed Artzt, the chairman of Procter and Gamble, drew attention to all this change. He shocked the advertising industry recently by saying that agencies would make themselves redundant if they did not recognise a new world ahead and if they did not change to meet it.

He was right. Think of the phases advertising has been through. Phase 1: the 1950s and the search for the hard sell. A sophisticated public got bored with that. Then, Phase 2: the 1970s and 1980s and the search for novelty, entertainment. The public got bored with that. They have so much entertainment all around. In the 1990s, music videos are slicker than commercials; computer games are smarter than commercials; movies are screens ahead of commercials; and interactive television is more fun than dead television.

Nowadays it is so much easier for people to escape the joys of television advertisements than it was 25 years ago. The victims of these advertisements are no longer captive, trapped in their front room, with their average 2.5 children and their average 2.5 television channels.

What, then, will be the next phase in advertising? I believe that phase 3 will be a synthesis of phases 1 and 2. So what we need now is the hard sell of the 1950s and the creativity of the 1980s. Let us call it hard sell creativity, or the truth well told.

In constructing this new era, we can take some lessons from two distinct but related fields of activity: politics and warfare. From politics, we learn that simplicity is all — simple logic, simple arguments, simple visual images. You may say that to reduce complex political arguments to simple phrases is to insult the public, to treat them as morons. You may say that this is cheap sloganising and that it debases the currency of public debate. I take the opposite view.

In our experience, far from being able to fool some of the people all of the time, or all of the people some of the time, it is virtually impossible to fool any of the people any of the time. In the new era you cannot serve up vague, incoherent and illogical waffle and call it advertising. Everyone is too busy. If you cannot reduce your argument to a few crisp words or phrases, there is something wrong with your argument. There was nothing long-winded about *Liberté! Egalité! Fraternité!*

The second field to learn from is warfare. In the future, the great marketing battles will be fought not like the First World War, with each side throwing everything at the other, but like the Gulf War — with precision, ruthless efficiency, and the full armoury of technology. The kind of precision I'm describing is most difficult to achieve — and will be most important in this new era: intellectual precision, ruthless intellectual efficiency.

While manufacturing and retailing storm ahead, advertising must not be left behind in the mentality of trench warfare. So when I speak of a new kind of advertising, I want to learn from the best of political and military techniques.

To help us arrive at certain rules for the new era:

- Never accept anything except clear and distinct ideas.
- Never do with more words what can be done with fewer — the simplest statement is best.
- Aim to be "midwife to the truth" — bring rigour to the task of ferreting it out.
- Have faith that the mysterious substance of a brand, the "thing-in-itself", is knowable — but only after "the painful necessity of thought".



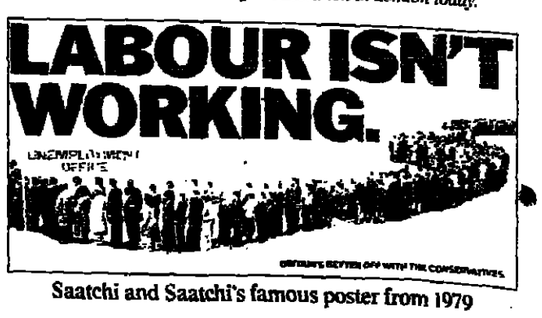
Saatchi: creative hard sell

And once you have found the truth, how should you tell it? The best way I can sum up how we will go about it is through the story of Sir John Fisher, who was the First Sea Lord of the Admiralty at the end of the last century. Going into the 20th century he wanted Britain's fleet to be fit for a new era. So he founded the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, and after calling a famous review of the fleet at Spithead in 1897, he reformed the Navy, commissioned new technology with torpedoes and submarines, improved the conditions of the sailors and hence their morale, and transformed the British fleet into the most formidable armed force in the world.

He had an excellent motto for how to conduct a war. In the new era, we intend to apply it on behalf of our clients with relish. It was simple: "Hit first! Hit hard! Keep on hitting!"

I can think of no finer philosophy to make us fit for the marketing wars of the 21st century.

● *This is an extract from a speech to be given to the Foreign Press Association in London today.*



Saatchi and Saatchi's famous poster from 1979

The collaboration of a popular chain and a rising star of British fashion is good news for all

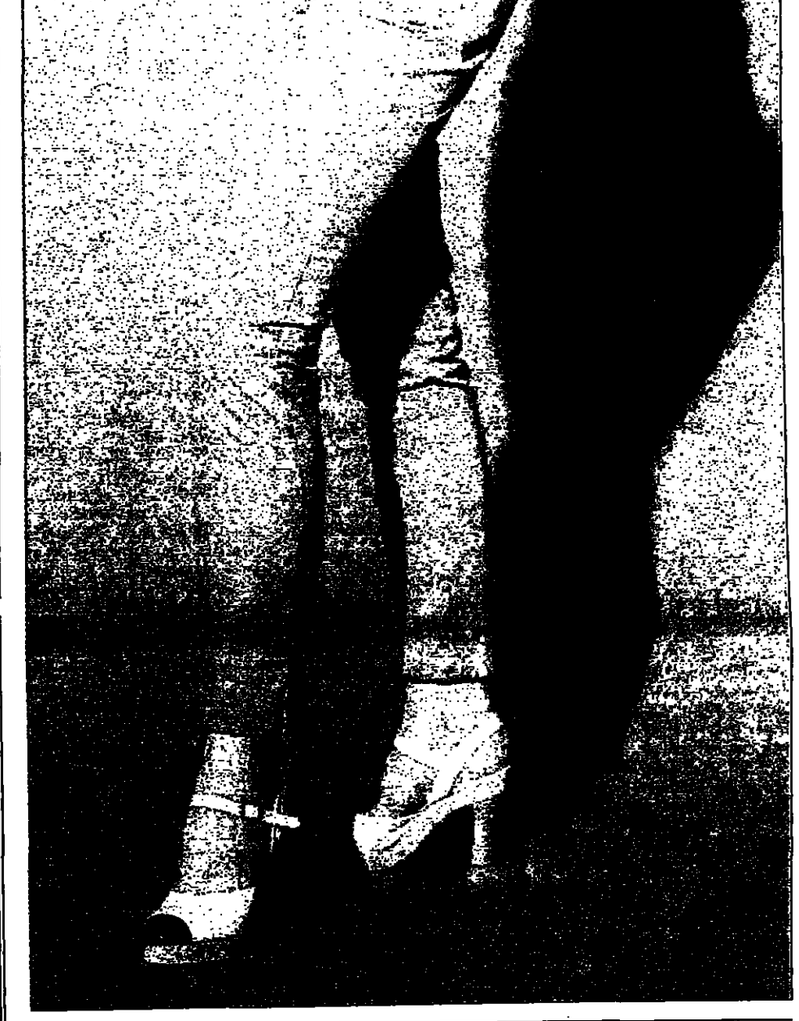
Designer lines on the high street







Nicholas Knightly: clean lines and understatement



Once, high-street fashion retailers watched fashion designers' every move, and merrily went away to run up something similar which was much, much cheaper — to the chagrin of the designer who loudly screamed "rip-off".

Now the two are working together, and collaborations between designers and hard-nosed retailers are changing the face of fashion on the high street. A situation which makes sense for both sides.

As the designer Nicholas Knightly explains, "The high-street companies monitor the designer shows for direction, so it's just as well to bring in a designer to design it themselves. That way people like myself benefit financially from support from a different area of industry. It's a very healthy union."

Knightly, a graduate of Ravensbourne College of Art and a rising star of the British fashion industry, produced his debut collection in October 1993, and immediately received rave reviews. In October 1994, he was approached by Paul Dass, the owner and managing director of Stirling Cooper, to design a new collection for nine stores nationwide.

When Dass took over Stirling Cooper three years ago he decided to take the company back to its roots, renewing its link with high-profile designers. In the 1960s and 1970s several designers, including frock'n'roll designer-to-the-stars Antony Price, helped to create the original Stirling Cooper look.

Dass's first choice was the designer Bella Freud, who worked with him for more than a year producing a collection of her signature skinny knits and slick suiting.

"When designers are young and new to the industry they are *tremendously ambitious, so when* somebody signs them up they think they've won the lottery. They can go mad," Dass says. "Both Bella and Nicholas have been in business on their own, so they already understand the retailers' needs, and, perhaps more importantly, their own commerciality."

Knightly not only met Dass but was also taken to the Stirling Cooper stores, where he spoke to the staff and saw the customers. The resulting designs are a successful amalgam of Stirling Cooper's youthful, street-smart spirit and a sophisticated edge, provided by Knightly's love affair with clean lines and demure understatement. The collection breaks down into two main looks — a jeans line in babycord with overtones of Brigitte Bardot, and a slinkier satin story featuring mini-dresses. "It's a bit like the little sister to my collection," Knightly says.



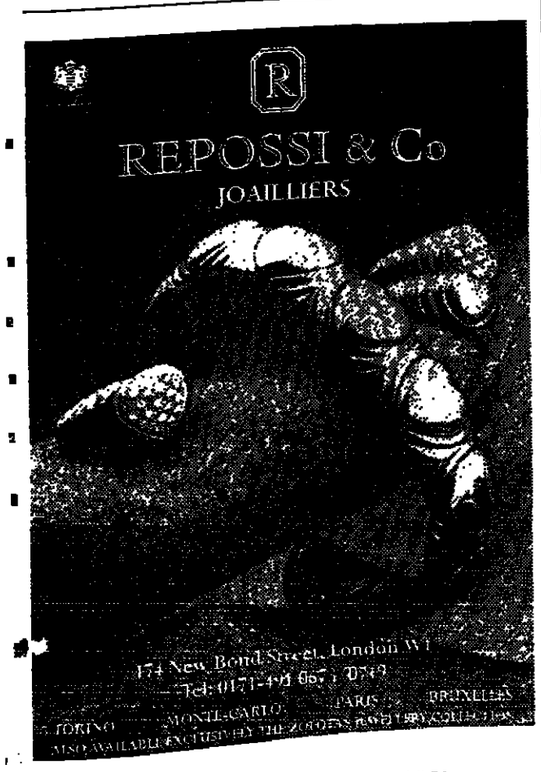
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Knightly has even used some of his original patterns for the project. "It's nice that I'm repeating some styles from my first collection, because although I only produced a handful of the originals, I've seen quite a few knock-offs. Now the actual dress has been produced."

"We can make that dress for £39.99, rather than £399," Dass says, "because we can produce *hundreds of one style*, when Nicholas can only make 20 or 30. His only real limitation has been the price of the fabric per metre."

The success of this association will, it is hoped, inspire more of the same, making the availability of real designer clothes with realistic price tags no longer just a dream. Which, in the end, can only be good for (the fashion) business.



ABOVE
Babycord jacket, £79.99; matching skirt, £29.99; cotton shirt, £29.99, Nicholas Knightly for Stirling Cooper, from branches of Stirling Cooper nationwide (inquiries: 0171-487 3783). Factor 1 tights, £2.50, Sock Shop, branches nationwide

CENTRE
Babycord shirt, £34.99, Nicholas Knightly, for Stirling Cooper; beret, to order, Nicholas Knightly (0171-437-7964)

ABOVE RIGHT
Polo shirt, £34.99, babycord trousers, £36.99, Nicholas Knightly for Stirling Cooper. Shoes, to order, as above

Photographs by ROD NISSEN-PETZER. Make-up by Cathy Lomax. Hair by James Dodds.

HOTLINE

● TO CELEBRATE the opening of her boutique in Harvey Nichols, Caroline Charles is inviting customers to join her for a glass of champagne and to view the *spring/summer* collection. February 15, noon to 5pm, Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London.

● Fashion shows, which are dependent on sponsorship, promote all kinds of products — including pet food. Spillers Food is to sponsor the Royal College of Art's forthcoming gala fashion show. As is traditional with sponsors, the students will design a catwalk collection influenced by the company's product and image. There is a champagne reception on May 23 (tickets, £20), and a gala banquet on May 25 (tickets, £150). Write to Margaret Manley, School of Fashion & Textiles, Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 2EU, with a cheque payable to Royal College of Art (Fashion School).

● Levi's has launched two 501 jeans commercials. One is about a cross-dresser taking a cab in 1970s New York; the other plays out the scenario between a father and his teenage daughter or son, depending on the version. Both campaigns have been branded unfit for television viewing before the 9pm watershed. "Taxi" is being screened on MTV and at the cinema; "Drugstore", the girl version, from March 31.

RACHEL COLLINS



Kaffe Fassett's *Cat in a Ruff* for

EHRMAN TAPESTRY

This wonderful new design by Kaffe Fassett highlights two of his greatest talents: a unique skill at depicting animals in needlework *and an original sense of colour and pattern.* The cat's head is stitched in soft, speckled drifts of frosted white, pearl grey, ash, sepia and dappled brown while the radiating stripes behind are a combination of faded lime and rhubarb pink. The ivory collar is another example of Kaffe's clever use of shading.

Measuring 16" x 16" the design is printed in full colour on 10 holes to the inch canvas and is worked in either half-cross or tent stitch. The kit comes complete with 100% pure new wool from the Paterna range, canvas, needle and instructions. The kit costs £37.50 which includes postage and packing. When ordering use FREEPOST – no stamp is needed.

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Grozny's fate must not be Russia's

General Dmitri Volkogonov

on an unnecessary war

The democratic authorities in Russia today are weighed down by their own imperfections. The campaign by the Russian Army in Chechenia which has led to the destruction of Grozny is the worst mistake they have made in the past three years. It was always going to be tempting to use force to resolve the diplomatic deadlock, but it was a temptation that should have been resisted.

Taking advantage of Moscow's errors, Soviet General Dudayev came to power in the Chechen Republic by illegitimate means, and brought with him extreme separatist and nationalistic elements. In time, a rampantly criminal network was established in the south of Russia, which perpetrated countless kidnappings, robberies and open piracy on the highways. Such actions could not be ignored by the federal authorities, yet for three years the situation was allowed to continue, and no approaches were made by Moscow to the regime in Chechenia. Moscow felt compelled to make a belated choice. One thing was clear: it must ensure that the Russian constitution functioned throughout Chechenia, especially as almost half of the republic — the northern part — had rejected the rebellious Dudayev and created its own provisional government.

During November 1994, an emissary from Dudayev appeared in Moscow with a proposal: in exchange for Russian recognition of him as leader of Chechenia, Dudayev was prepared to recognise the Russian Federation and accept that Chechenia was part of it, with the same sort of autonomous relationship enjoyed by, for example, Tatarstan. Nothing of a separatist nature was included in these terms, which would have been in the best interests of both Russia and Chechenia.

Attempts were made by some of those who had met Dudayev's emissary, myself included, to obtain an audience for him with President Yeltsin, but the President at that time was willing to talk only to the opposition to Dudayev. President Yeltsin has two advisory councils: the Security Council, which is a constitutional body, and the Analytical Council, which is made up of public figures. At the end of November, the Analytical Council discussed the Chechen question. About 20 people were present. After our three-hour discussion, we unanimously resolved to recommend that the President should proceed *solely by means of negotiation*. The negotiations would be long and agonising, but they were the only possible way.

We had earlier made proposals on, for instance, constitutional and economic issues, of which the President had taken note. By this time, however, he was heeding our advice less and less, and the more the Chechen question came to dominate his thoughts, the more he listened to the advice of the Security Council. When it next met, under his chairmanship, shortly afterwards, a different view prevailed, and the whole world has seen on television what that meeting decided. It is commonly said that the President was especially influenced by one particular individual or another. But this overlooks the less well-known fact that the Security Council was heavily influenced by the regional authorities of the northern Caucasus, who were tired of the excesses committed by the Chechen fighters. Indeed this may have been the decisive factor. There undoubtedly was still a chance at the beginning of December to settle the issue without bloodshed. Had the President received Dudayev's message in November, and had he and the Duma invited Dudayev to come to Moscow without preconditions, it is probable that the present position could have been averted.

The option chosen was the worst possible, and the least well thought-out, namely "bombing methods". The result, as we have all seen, has been mass slaughter of the civilian population and the decline of the Government's authority.

> Dudayev would have admitted Chechenia was part of Russia

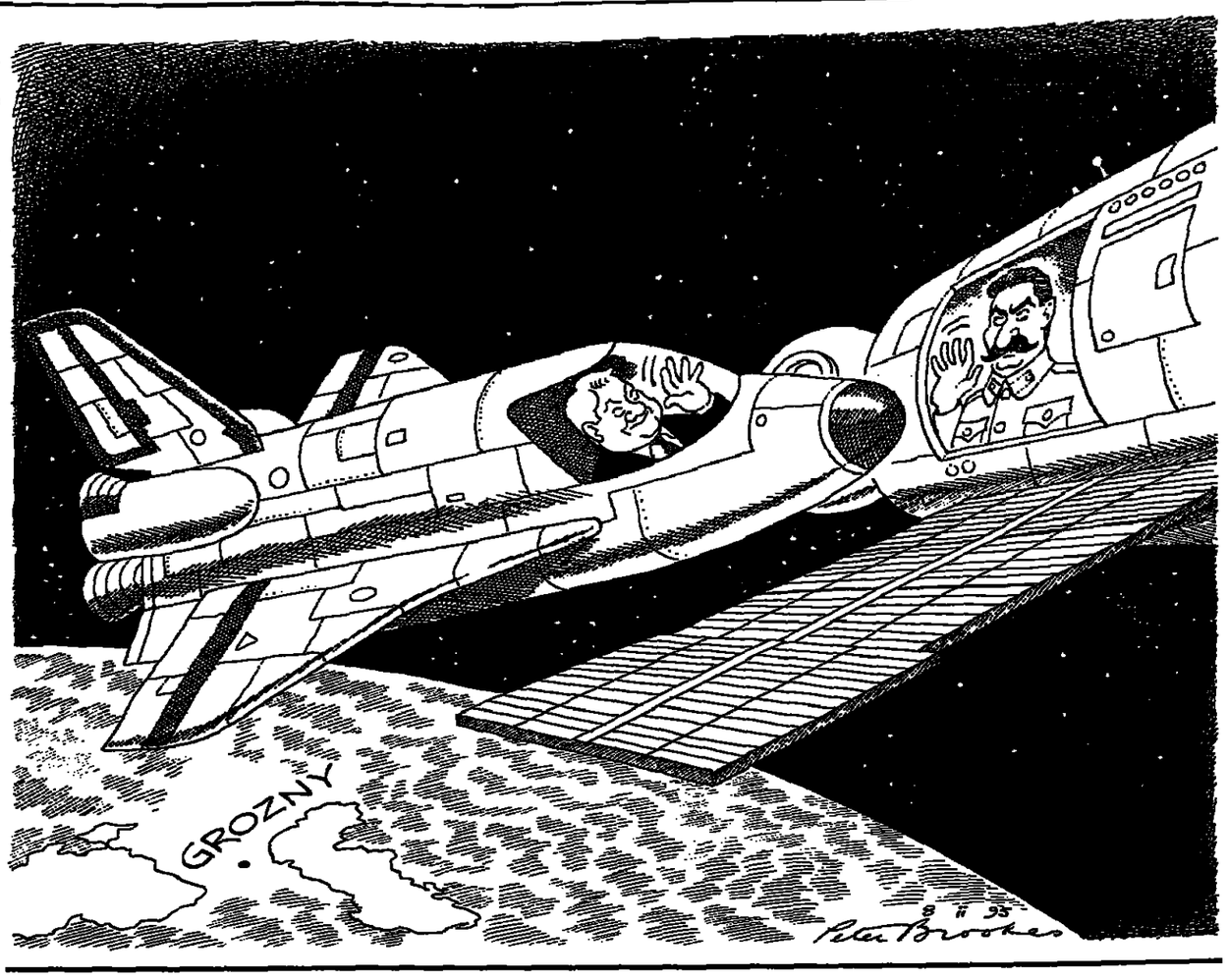
The issue is no longer merely about Chechenia. The Chechen syndrome has left its mark on the entire political life of Russia. The active opposition and nationalistic forces are determined not to let slip what they see as a propitious moment for the removal of President Yeltsin so as to turn back the course of reform, in effect bringing about the gradual restoration of the old order. We have seen it all before.

As a member of the parliamentary group Russia's Choice, I am in complete agreement with its leader, Yegor Gaidar, and I believe that the severe criticisms of the Government for the methods it chose to settle an ethnic conflict are just. But President Yeltsin must be helped to correct his mistake by peaceful means, while at the same time protecting the democratic Government from the attacks of the opposition. Like it or not, President Yeltsin is still the main symbol of democratic reform in Russia.

Chechenia is everybody's pain. The democratic forces will do everything possible to alleviate it at the least cost. It is important to realise that Chechenia today is only one of the epicentres of the struggle for power in Russia, where democracy is still shaky, immature and fragile.

The bitterness of the Chechen syndrome must not be allowed to conceal the contradictory nature of the situation in Russia in general: a genuine post-totalitarian order has not yet been established, although a genuinely civilised future is on the horizon.

The author, a leading Russian historian, was until last year Yeltsin's adviser on defence and is now a member of the Analytical Council. This article was translated by Harry Shukman of St Antony's College, Oxford.



The great utility scandal

Privatisations have enriched directors and ministers but enraged the public

John Major has no feel for the public's outrage at the utility options scandal. His Government is chief shareholder in Britain's two electricity generating companies, National Power and PowerGen. The bosses of these companies are believed to have accumulated shares and options worth up to £23 million, in utilities that are still 40 per cent in public ownership. The money is legally theirs. In every other sense it belongs to the public. These share options discredit privatisation. They ridicule regulation. They make a mockery of honest toil. They invite Labour to reintroduce supertax.

When Gordon Brown speaks of the "corporate greed" of those running the water, gas and electricity oligopolies he is speaking the literal truth. This reaction is no criticism of the effective management of the companies concerned, or with the proper reward to risk capitalism. To all these deities we may nowadays pay obeisance. What enrages the public, the utility users and energy workers facing the sack is to see executives carting off barrowloads of windfall loot.

This money was fixed by non-executive directors, usually in collusion with consultants. They recommend salaries in line with other firms of similar size. They do not consider the "market price" of the executive concerned, let alone put that price to the test. This is known as the buddy system, and it is rotten. As for the options windfall, it derives from the soaring price of shares that were underpriced at the time of privatisation. The rise in share price reflects an added value that should be returned to past generations of taxpayers. Some of it is now going that way through dividends to ordinary shareholders. That millions of pounds should be diverted into the bank accounts of the executives is indefensible and plain wrong.

I suppose the executives would claim they are only milking a system set up for them by the Thatcher Government. Successive Treasury ministers should have spotted the time-bomb of options when they underpriced their privatisations. Afterwards they failed to use their powers as minority or special shareholders to call the boards to account. Both John Major and Kenneth Clarke have recently declared that the options deals are "up to the shareholders". In the case of National Power and PowerGen, that includes them. They have an obligation to see that the boards are accountable.

So far, merely so indolent. Now the picture starts to darken. The Cabinet has not been wholly idle in this matter. Yesterday it sent one of its number, David Hunt, to the Nolan committee. His purpose was to squash as "outrageous" any ban on ministers going straight from office onto the boards of, for instance, privatised monopolies. He said that stricter rules might "discourage talented people from accepting office". He was supported yesterday by a withering blast to *The Times* from Lord Young, former Industry Minister and maestro of the revolving door. Tighter rules, he implied, would deprive industry of the immense talents possessed by ex-ministers. They would also strip ministers of that intuitive commercial sensibility that comes from knowing a warm nest is ready outside should disaster befall them. The Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, wheeled out the "poor diddums" argument: that ministers get sacked at short notice and must be allowed to stagger to the nearest trough as quickly as possible.

Ministers and ex-ministers greet this subject with a look of injured innocence. Surely you are not suggesting, they protest, that there is anything improper in jumping from a ministry into a company that had received that ministry's recent favour? Lord Young expostulated: "The biggest insult is the implication that moving from one to the other is somehow corrupt, a job given as a reward for past favours." Anybody would think this was sleazy Italy, not honest Britain. Yet the qualifications of most former ministers for a career in gas, electricity or water are not instantly apparent. A reasonable person might guess that they are there to secure privileged access to current ministers — or at least as an example to current ministers that not rocking the boat has its eventual reward. This is not an insult, just a whisper of a suspicion of a hint. We are all men of the world, Lord Young.

Let us return to the utilities. Whatever the government says, these have not been truly privatised. Ownership was sold by the Thatcher Government to help to reduce taxes and free investment from Treasury control. There was little attempt to make the industries competitive or impose market disciplines. Regulators were put in to control prices and stop the companies going mad or bankrupt. In his memoirs, Lord Lawson acknowledged that the Cabinet had concentrated "too much on ownership and not enough on competition".

The utilities boards claim that the rise in their share values from which they are making so much money has been due to cost-cutting, not just to the original underpricing. But the cuts have been achieved largely by sacking staff whom these same executives featherbedded when in the public sector. For the executives now to pay themselves large salaries for doing what they failed to do before privatisation is bad enough. To claim capital gains which were formerly denied to taxpayers is truly rich. Ed Wallis of PowerGen implies that he needs such incentives on top of his £350,000 pay — as Iain Vallance of BT explained last month that he needed his vast income because he worked so much harder than a junior hospital doctor. It is the sort of talk that drives salaried employees screaming into Labour's arms.

Who is accountable for these goings on? The obvious answer is the electricity regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild. He is reputedly a tough customer. He wrote in the 1980s on the need to apply competitive disciplines to privatised utilities. He warned against regulators going native. But monopoly regulators do not "go" native. They *are* native. They are part of a framework in which the public is fast losing faith. Mr Littlechild last year told PowerGen and National Power to sell or 10 per cent, or 6,000 megawatts of their capacity to the private sector to provide competition. They have not done so. Instead, electricity prices have risen and the option-hungry executives are able to offer new shareholders a 20 per cent rise in dividend and presumably another boost in the share price.

Mr Littlechild has threatened to refer them to the Monopolies Commission. They can laugh in his face. The same happened last year with gas. The commission recommended that British Gas be properly privatised, that is broken into competitive units. Ministers took fright and rejected this, overawed by a clever British Gas advertisement about its soaring international standing. As the 1980s showed, there is no touch quite so soft as a British government faced with a utilities monopoly. As long as ministers are timid, all the regulators in the world are paper tigers.

I am tempted to think that the Cabinet is so unwise to the ways of business that is does not see what is going on under its nose. As long as utilities are not subject to market disciplines, they are *de facto* in the public sector. Their share price is determined by the actions of legislators, regulators, commissions and ministers. That is the case with water, gas and electricity. That is why the share price of these companies should not form the basis of any options for directors, period.

As for the revolving door, the Government's complacency increases every suspicion that Mr Hunt and Lord Young are seeking to deny. Of course they are right that there needs to be more interchange between politics and business. The profession of politics is becoming ever narrower in its career base. It would be good for ministers to return to government from business. It would be equally refreshing if no Cabinet minister took office without having held some substantive job outside politics first. These are matters for the Prime Minister to correct.

What he cannot do is pretend that this goal is promoted by former ministers taking jobs with companies which they favoured in office. When a defence minister goes to an arms contractor, an energy minister to an electricity company or a transport minister to a road haulier, the public smells a rat. Ministers should find less suspect jobs. They should get on their famous bikes. As long as the rules remain lax, protests of innocence will be greeted with a wink, a nod and increasingly a jeer.

Simon Jenkins

Alan Coren



■ I remember Benton: and right now it needs your support

I have the feeling that about halfway through today's little meander you are going to ask yourself why I am telling you all this, so since I am an honourable man, let me depart, just this once, from the recommended procedure as laid down in *The Big Boy's Book of Column Cobbling* and reveal the pay-off now. Especially as it is literally a pay-off: I am telling you all this because I want you to send money to the Boatman's Bank in Benton, Illinois, so if you feel that there may be more pressing claims on your charity, now is the time to push back your chair and go.

To those who remain, I offer the observation that we all have our Adlestrops. We all, that is, have stopped unwontedly in some remote spot remarkable for nothing but a sudden fortuitous concatenation of affective odds and sods which subsequently made it unforgettable; and Benton, Illinois, is mine.

In the winter of 1961, I was driving from the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis, to the University of Southern Illinois, in Carbondale, in pursuit of those meretricious footnotes which, bolted onto an iffy doctoral thesis, may cozen, if nothing else, the pity of examiners for a dumb jerk who spent so much on petrol. Then the snow started. When the snow starts in Illinois, one moment the first flake hits the windscreen, the next moment the only way out of the car is through the sunroof, and that is how I found myself in Benton, just 50 miles from Carbondale as the crow flies, provided the crow has a de-icer.

And what was Benton? On paper, Benton was a rich little mining town, but on the retina, it was the American dream I'd dreamt ever since I opened my first comic-book. What was this street of snow-hung picket-fenced, poster-coloured frame houses but Gasoline Alley? Whose boarding-house was that if not Major Hoople's? Could those plaid-clad ear-muffed kids building a snowman by the little church be anyone but Linus and Marcia and Charlie Brown, and wasn't that Blondie backing Dagwood's station wagon down their icy drive towards a yellow fire-hydrant preparing, as ever, to meet its doom? And didn't little Clark Kent grow up here with Jonathan and Martha, after Superman *père* sent his only begotten son to save the world in the name of truth, justice and the American way?

I stayed two days, until the snowploughs did their stuff, and nothing broke the dream. I didn't spot Dick Tracy, mind, or Joe Palooka, but they were busy men, which may be why I didn't spot Jim Caldwell, either. He would've been down the mine.

Oh you know Jim Caldwell: the Beatle brother-in-law?

Well, okay, I didn't know him either until Monday, when Benton burst back into my life with this one-liner on the PA wire: "An appeal to save a house from demolition in Benton, Ill, has begun after it was found that George Harrison spent a fortnight there in 1963." How could this be? I rang Benton's Chamber of Commerce. I love her. She shouts: "Oh, my, London, *England*?" when you ring her. But she has a sorry tale to tell.

For Benton has fallen on tough times. It is no longer a rich little mining town, because they have shut its rich little mine on the grounds that its coal is too sulphurous. So Benton has to do what it can with what it has, and it does not have much more than a house which once belonged to George Harrison's sister, who was married to Mr Caldwell the miner, but has now divorced him and gone to live in Sarasota, Fla.

But soon it may not have even that, because ex-Mrs Caldwell's ex-house stands in the way of a proposed parking-lot, and if $40,000 isn't raised, it will be flattened. If, however, it is raised, then Benton plans to truck the house to a vacant lot as a shrine. It will become Benton's Graceland, and worshippers from all over the world will flock to savour the spot where George once spent a fortnight. She had, said the C of C, tried to contact George in the hope he could lay his hands on $40,000, but couldn't find him. So a message was put on the wire.

And since nobody else seems to have picked it up, here is the pay-off. Send every penny you have to the We Care Fund, Boatman's Bank, PO Box 910, Benton, Ill. 62812. Do it for George, Benton and the American way.

Rug from under

MOVES are afoot to remove the Royal Warrant from the Queen's carpet-maker because of a decision by Wilton Royal Carpets to close its factory in the eponymous Wiltshire town. More than 300 years after carpets were first made in Wilton, the company is moving to modern plants in Bradford, South Wales and Northern Ireland.

Wilton Town Council held an emergency meeting last night to try to have the company stripped of its Royal Warrant. "The warrant was granted to the factory to produce carpets *in* Wilton and shouldn't be allowed to continue if our factory here shuts," said Peter Edge, a former mayor.

The Bishop of Salisbury has also attacked the closure, which will entail the loss of about 100 jobs and was instigated by US-based Carpets International, a new parent company. "I am more particularly saddened that the name — proudly associated with Wilton over the past 300 or more years — will be lifted out of its context and used to promote carpets made elsewhere," says the Right Rev Dr David Stancliffe in a letter to the Rector of Wilton, the Rev Canon Bede Cooper. "If there is anything that I can do to offer my support in a more practical way I hope that you will not hesitate to let me know."

Malcolm Gibson, group managing director of Carpets International, said he too was sad to see the end of production in Wilton, but that foreign competition meant more modern facilities are needed.

The Royal Warrant Holders' Association would comment only that any decision on whether to remove a Royal Warrant would be examined on its merits.



DIARY

● *Remarkable prescience was shown at the King's School, Canterbury, some 25 years ago with regard to one of its charges. "He will go far," wrote a housemaster in the school report of Michael Foale, the* Discovery *astronaut who is due tomorrow to become the first Briton to walk in space.*

Double move

ANDREW JASPAN wrestled long and hard over whether or not to accept the job of Editor of *The Observer* yesterday afternoon. For in the morning, as Editor of *The Scotsman*, he had bought a new house in Edinburgh.

"At 9am I was at my lawyer's. We have to move out of our house on the third of March but will now have to put the new house up for sale. The timing could not have been worse."

Scrummage

THE SUCCESS of the England rugby team against the French at Twickenham on Saturday was mirrored by that of our parliamentary squad. They thrashed the French Assemblée Nationale earlier in the day by a similarly convincing 34 points to seven.

The highlight of the match, which I am delighted to report was free of the punch-ups and sendings-off that have so marred previous encounters, was the captain, Employment Minister Phillip Oppenheim, charging the length of the pitch to score a try. Politicians fared less well in soccer yesterday, when they were on the receiving end of a 6-1 drubbing by the Press Gallery.

In his prime

SOME have been quick to scoff at stories of John Major's fling with an older woman more than 20 years ago. None more so than Bruce Anderson, Major's biographer, who was blissfully unaware of any dalliance despite the extensive research he undertook for his book on the Prime Minister.

He insists he would not have been interested anyway. "I didn't know anything about it. I have no idea what happened," he says. "I don't find it hugely interesting. I might have done if it had had a dramatic impact on his life, but he was just a young man playing the field long before he met Norma."

● *Delegates were complaining yesterday at the National Farmers Union conference in London of the threat posed to their livelihoods by animal rights protesters. I trust they avoided the escalopes of veal offered on the conference hotel's lunchtime menu.*

Blue note

WHILE Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, has been battling with school governors and local councils over teachers' pay, her predecessor has been having his own teething problems. John Patten, who left the department abruptly last year, has had difficulty deciding what to call his book, a "whither now" study of the Tory party.

Any title with Conservative or Conservatism in it was ruled out. The first working title was "Twenty Twenty Vision"; also considered were "Blue Skies", "Across the Blue Horizons". "In the Blue Garden" (a quotation from *The Great Gatsby*) and "As Blue as the Gendarmerie's Cloak" (Edith Sitwell). Finally, just before handing over his first draft, he plumped for something lively, inspired by a march composed by that late great patriot and former Master of the Queen's Music, Sir Arthur Bliss. So it's *Things to Come: The Tories in the 21st Century*.

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Bliss: calling a Tory tune

PIRATES OF PEKING

Clinton is right to hold China to its international commitments

At this year's World Economic Forum in Davos, the director of China's Institute of Economics made a remarkable admission. "The Chinese economy," he said, "is not ruled by law, but by people." He went on to criticise foreign governments and companies for making a "political issue" of disputes over copyright piracy or non-payment of commercial debts by Chinese companies, including state-owned corporations. He exhorted them to turn instead to the courts. In the same breath he acknowledged that "there is no effort in place at the national level to put in place the rule of law for contracts".

Here in a nutshell is the underlying cause of the looming US-China trade war, the latest of several commercial disputes between America and China. The immediate issue, massive Chinese infringements of intellectual property rights in products ranging from compact discs, videos and computer software to books and pharmaceuticals, is serious enough in itself. The Americans have, for example, identified 29 factories in southern China which make pirate copies of compact and laser discs, 70 million of which were exported last year.

But the principle the US is seeking to establish is of much wider application. It is that if China wants the advantages of being part of the international trading system, it must abide by such basic requirements as respect for international patent law; and that respecting these obligations means not just passing domestic laws, but enforcing them efficiently and impartially. The lesson is proving hard to drive home. When disputes arise, Peking is renowned for reaching eleventh-hour agreements — and then disclaiming responsibility for seeing that Chinese companies honour the bargain.

In the case of intellectual property rights, for instance, China staved off American *trade sanctions three years ago by agreeing* to observe international copyright law and introducing domestic anti-piracy legislation. There is overwhelming evidence that the law has not been enforced. Yet Peking claims to be outraged by American demands for genuine, as opposed to paper, compliance. The US has now given China until February 26 to agree on an effective, verifiable system *to clamp down on piracy, or face 100 per cent* US tariffs on a list of Chinese goods worth more than a billion dollars. After Chinese threats to retaliate against US exporters drew no response, Peking has abruptly agreed to further talks next Monday.

These may not avert a trade war. The problem is that for Peking to meet American demands would have far-reaching political, as well as economic, implications. For China to play by the rules in international trade would imply the creation of a framework of commercial law, impartially enforced by its courts even when those involved in infractions are — as is the case in much of Chinese *manufacturing — members of the Chinese* political and military élite. China's claims to be a country based on the rule of law would be subject to a clear pragmatic test.

This would reassure foreign investors, who are increasingly worried by the failure of Chinese companies, including state-owned enterprises, to honour commercial agreements. It is indispensable to China's economic modernisation. But a genuinely independent judiciary would also weaken the levers of political control. China tends to reject demands that it abide by international rules as an unacceptable infringement on its sovereignty — an attitude that has hardened as Deng Xiaoping's successors battle for position. That is why the multilateral negotiations on China's application to join the World Trade Organisation are also in trouble. America's use of trade sanctions as a bargaining tool with Peking has not always been well-aimed. But it is time that *Peking accepted that the laws which bind its* partners in world trade apply to China too.

CUDDLY TERRORISM

Farmers are angry and perplexed — and rightly so

Calves are dewy-ewed and furry, chickens are beady-eyed and feathery, bluebottles are goggle-eyed and dirty. Ali, however, according to the arguments addressed by protesters to Britain's farmers yesterday, could *claim to be treated as compassionately as* humans. Nobody campaigns against the sale of fly-spray, and few middle-aged members of the middle classes have been seen demonstrating against battery-hen farming.

As soon as one examines the logic behind the protests at Shoreham or Brightlingsea, it becomes clear that the new, "respectable" army of civil disobedients is being exploited by two intertwined gangs intent on disrupting the social order. The first, animal liberationists, should be seen as terrorists on a par with the IRA. Indeed, since the Northern Ireland ceasefire, they have become the biggest threat to peaceful life in this country. Their tactics are sickening: even a 13-month-old baby has been injured by one of their bombs. And they do not even attempt to justify their violence — as the IRA might, however spuriously — on the ground that they are fighting a war. Indeed, on these people's calculations, animals must be not just equal *but morally superior to humans.* Otherwise, how could violence on humans be acceptable if it is unacceptable on animals?

The other gang which has jumped onto this animal-wagon is the motley group of protesters whose curriculum vitae already contains the poll tax riots, anti-racism battles, and protests against road-building and the Criminal Justice Bill. Given that many of them are members of the anarchist organisation Class War, it is bizarre to see them at the barricades with the very classes they affect to despise. Most of all, they want to provoke the police, but they are delighted to be given a spurious cloak of respectability by the presence of calf-loving members of the Women's Institute.

What both groups seek to exploit is an atavistic nationalism: Britain is perceived to be more civilised than its neighbours because it is kinder to animals. Thus, yesterday, the RSPCA gave warning that *British sheep might be bound for "barbaric" Greek abattoirs. It is true that continental* Europeans tend to mind less about animal welfare than do Britons. This is a product of Britain's earlier urbanisation and of its tradition of bigger, more industrialised farms owned by fewer farmers. In France or Spain, say, few people are brought up without first-hand experience of the barbarities of nature and the cruelty implicit in raising animals for food. They instead judge the civilisation of a nation by how much it cares about its human inhabitants — a measure that seems rather more persuasive.

All farming involves some cruelty. Where would our milk, butter or cheese come from if calves were not separated from their mothers at birth? No one would condone forcibly separating babies from their human mothers, so already even vegetarians are accepting here a moral distinction between the two species. Most pigs and hens on modern farms are kept in conditions that would horrify urban visitors. Yet the same people are prepared to buy bacon and eggs for their breakfast. Farmers have always been perplexed by this paradox: now many are angry and even frightened.

There is an easy way out for those who disapprove of animal cruelty. They can ensure that the food they buy comes from animals that have been reared as humanely as possible. They will have to pay extra for this: free-range meat costs about 30 per cent more than the factory-farmed equivalent, a small price to pay for upholding principles. The alternative is to be led by the nose by those seeking to terrify people out of their lawful business. Those who rightly decry the intimidatory tactics of the picket line should not encourage mob rule in other forms.

THE HOLY SCAFFOLDING

Another 'peace process' in Jerusalem

As a Levantine proverb appropriately concludes, the worst enemies are always men of one's own trade. What is true for pedlars or physicians is also true, alas, for priests: straining harsh discords and "unpleasing sharps", the various Christian denominations entrenched in the Holy Sepulchre in Arab East Jerusalem have for centuries engaged in the most unyielding disputes. Observers have — from time to time — described the squabbling as "unchristian".

This morning — as has happened for as many years as there are hairs on a Coptic Patriarch's beard — the key to the Holy Sepulchre will be handed by a guardian from the Joudeh family (the nocturnal keepers) to another from the Nusseibeh family (the keepers by day). As the Christian sects do not as yet trust each other *sufficiently*, it is these Muslim fiduciaries who are charged with the ticklish task of opening and shutting the holiest doors in Christendom. Yet as our Jerusalem Correspondent reports today, critical repair work has just begun on the great dome of the much-contested structure. As repairs go, this is the stuff of sensation: owing to fractious bickering, the dome has not been attended to since 1866.

The line of adversaries at the Holy Sepulchre is a lively one. Ranged against each other are the clergy from an assembly of churches: the Greek Orthodox, the Armenian, the Roman Catholic, the Russian Orthodox, the Syrian Catholic, the Copt, the *Abyssinian, the Maronite and the Chaldean* Catholic. So crotchety and grumpy had relations between the sects become that Federico Mayor, Director-General of Unesco, threatened to remove the site from his organisation's World Heritage list if they continued to block its safeguarding operations.

Señor Mayor's history books, however, will have told him to tread most cautiously. It was the Holy Sepulchre — along with the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, and the place of Golgotha — which gave rise to the Crimean War, as Czar Nicholas I sought to assert rights in the Holy Places he believed Russia to have under the treaties of *Kuchuk-Kainardji and Adrianople.* The guardians of their precious square metres within the church — a chaotic agglomeration of Byzantine and Crusader elements — have never entirely abandoned this Crimean spirit. But the decision to allow more scaffolding to go up, and for some barriers of *the mind to come down, will be welcomed by* Christians across the world as tentative evidence of tolerance long-delayed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Options to consider for the future of Northern Ireland

From Mr Lionel Bloch

Sir, Conor Cruise O'Brien ("How Major raised the Irish stakes", February 3) sums up admirably the present state of the Irish imbroglio when he underlines the terrible risks of our policy to woo the nationalists and then try to placate the Unionists over the progress of that wooing.

The sophistication of the draft "framework for peace" cannot conceal its central message to the Unionists: "You have a choice — either you agree that Dublin must have a role in Ulster, or you must face the return of violence *and the possibility of a gradual British* disengagement from the conflict." The rest is packaging.

Our Government's preference for granting the Republic a say in the affairs of Northern Ireland is a clear victory for the IRA and a vindication of its prolonged use of terrorist violence. It is debatable if the hoped-for political condominium is desirable or whether it will ever work.

What is certain is that once again terrorism has paid political dividends. The world-wide implications of the bombers' success are disturbing.

Finally, is it not obvious now that if the people of Ulster will be able to vote in a referendum on the proposed dilution of UK sovereignty, we too should have the same opportunity before accepting the advance of European federalism?

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL BLOCH,
c/o The Spread Eagle Hotel,
South Street,
Midhurst, West Sussex.
February 4.

From Dr Ivor Stanbrook

Sir, As far as we know, the only option contained in the framework document for Northern Ireland is one which would transfer a degree of sovereignty over the province to a body nominated in part by the Irish Republic.

Everyone knows that such a proposal is unacceptable to the Unionist majority and would be rejected in a referendum. So would it not be wise to confirm that the document will include other options less favourable to the Republic?

What about independence, or total integration with the United Kingdom; or the redrawing of the border in accordance with the wishes of the residents in border areas, plus generous resettlement grants for those who find themselves on the "wrong" side?

If the document contains no alternative to giving the Irish Republic an even greater say in the affairs of Ulster, reasonable people may well conclude that the Unionist cause is being overridden.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR STANBROOK
(Chairman, Conservative Northern Ireland Committee, 1990-92),
c/o The Friends of the Union,
PO Box 1261, London SW3 4UF.
February 3.

From Mr Paddy McGarvey

Sir, Regarding the hullabaloo last week about cross-border co-operation and the Prime Minister's dash to the TV studio, may I please quote to your readers section 18, paragraph 4, of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920:

A member of the House of Commons of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland shall be incapable of being chosen or elected or of sitting as a member of the Senate of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland, and a member of the Senate of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland shall be incapable of being chosen or elected a member of the House of Commons of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland: but . . .

It is a very big "but" indeed:

but a Minister of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland who is a member of either House of the Parliament of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland shall have the right to sit and speak in both Houses, but shall vote only in the House of which he is a member.

Just think of it: a Democratic Unionist Party minister of the Crown popping into the Dail to tear them off a strip. Politics in Ireland would have more fun than fear. Just think of the baroque tones of Co Kerry reverberating around the Stormont chamber.

The solution is very simple, indeed: childish almost: Ireland needs a shared parliamentary capital, not in Dublin, and not in Belfast — a variant of a device commonplace throughout the Commonwealth. Minorities will accept a majority more readily once the place of government is removed *from either stronghold. It could begin* with the mutual operation of section 18, paragraph 4, between the two Parliaments, and let them take it from there.

Yours etc,
PADDY McGARVEY
(Director),
Irish Parliament Trust,
Rainbow Building,
English Street, Armagh.
February 6.

From Dr Edward de Bono

Sir, Contrary to what many may suppose, the Northern Ireland peace process is proceeding smoothly with some rather skilful choreography — as learned from South Africa.

The framework document had to be written as it was. This document had to be leaked. The leak had to be condemned. The Unionist politicians had to indicate their fury. John Major (and *the others) had to appear on television,* etc. All this was necessary and very well done. Each step was choreographed even if all the dancers did not know it.

In South Africa the amazingly smooth transition was the result of just such skilled choreography between *Mandela and de Klerk. Because the* media is so predictable and therefore so manipulable, political choreography is now a developed skill.

There are two key points to be kept in mind by politicians: they must be more fierce in their denunciations than their followers; they must refuse *to over-react both to situations and to* political statements. So the necessary public noises are sounded but the peace process goes steadily on.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD de BONO,
112 Albany, Piccadilly, W1.
February 5.

Tory losses in local government

From Mr Howard Briggs

Sir, As a former Conservative councillor I find it difficult to fault Simon Jenkins's article of February 1 on cuts in local government services, "Accident in waiting". What I would add to it is the damage inflicted upon the Conservative Party by the Government's shortsighted attitude towards local government.

Well run Tory councils across the country have been rejected by the electorate who now believe that their vote will make little difference to the administration of their district and use it to express their opinion of the Government. Thus hundreds of Conservative councillors have been lost to the party via the polls or by early retirement. These were the local leaders who kept the party going between elections by organising those dull but essential tasks which keep any political party moving forward.

If the Conservative Party at Westminster had more MPs who understood local government, and fewer who think of it as an irrelevant sideshow, I am quite sure that the party could look to the future with a certain degree of optimism. As it is, the Conservative leaders are busy digging the party's grave in the belief that they are cultivating tomorrow's seedcorn.

Yours sincerely,
HOWARD BRIGGS (Member, Southend Borough Council, 1990-94),
41 Green Lane,
Eastwood, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.
February 1.

Sheldonian organ

From Mr H. R. P. Lloyd

Sir, I hope, notwithstanding Richard Morrison's accolade for the musical range of the Bradford computing organ (article, February 4; also letters, January 28, February 1), that those in charge of the Sheldonian know the likely lifespan of chips and microchips.

A few years ago I was a member of a parochial church council debating the same problem as that faced in Oxford. A knowledgeable member commented: "Don't forget that if we buy an electronic instrument all we shall be getting is a musical washing machine." We opted against it.

Yours faithfully,
H. R. P. LLOYD,
12 Reade Street,
Wyesham, Monmouth, Gwent.
February 5.

From the Director of Music, Denstone College

Sir, Sean Farrell's memory is inaccurate (letter, February 1). The Bradford organ installed at Denstone College in 1989 did not prove "most unreliable on a number of occasions" between 1990 and 1991, as our records and those of J. Wood & Sons Ltd show, though I do recall that the organist had difficulty in locating the mains switch.

In fact, apart from damage caused to the organ and the whole chapel by a lightning strike, we have enjoyed a trouble-free six years and believe we made the right decision in our situation. Whether it is the right solution for the Sheldonian is for others to decide, but, speaking from our experience, they need not fear unreliability.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN YORK SKINNER,
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Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.
February 2.

School vouchers

From Professor Antony Flew

Sir, Simon Jenkins asserts ("Rimbaud without a cause", January 28) that "Lady Thatcher and Kenneth Baker rejected the programme of the Right, *for vouchers and free parental choice* . . .". This may well have been true of Kenneth Baker, although the measures providing for the local management of schools and for opting out into grant-maintained status are both such as would have to be taken prior to the introduction of a comprehensive voucher system.

But Lady Thatcher in *The Downing Street Years* makes her own support for such a system absolutely clear:

I would have liked to go further still and decided that we must work up a possible full-scale voucher scheme — I hinted at this in my final Party Conference speech — but did not have the time to take the idea further.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY FLEW,
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Reading, Berkshire.

Remote control?

From Mr Forbes McCallum

Sir, Last week I received my gas bill together with a leaflet announcing the launch of Scottish Gas — "an exciting new initiative from British Gas" which will be "looking after Scottish customers" and "supporting the local Scottish community".

A second leaflet invites me to pay my gas bill by monthly direct debit. If interested I am to send a tear-off coupon to Scottish Gas, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire.

Yours faithfully,
FORBES McCALLUM,
27 Fairview Manor,
Danestone, Aberdeen.
January 25.

EU research grants

From Dr June Rollinson

Sir, Professor Handy (letter, January 3) commented on reservations about Britain's EU membership and pointed out that, at least in science, the UK is a beneficiary. Mr Atkinson (letter, January 9) does not agree. However, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's letter (January 19) provides further evidence in support of the returns to Britain from EU programmes in the sciences. Networking and collaboration between researchers, particularly scientists, encouraged by EU programmes, is one of the most active areas of our EU membership.

The British Council's programmes for science in Europe, jointly funded with our European partners, enable initial collaboration between researchers. Many go on to apply for more significant funding under EU programmes. A recent evaluation of our programmes in France indicates impressive returns. Over £3.5 million of EU funds came to British laboratories as a result of a British Council investment of £265,000 over the two years *from 1989 to 1991. Comparable ratios* result from our other programmes throughout Europe.

Yours,
JUNE ROLLINSON
(Lead Consultant, Science),
The British Council,
10 Spring Gardens, SW1.
January 27.

Executives' pay

From Mr J. F. Bechelet

Sir, Mr Gratwick (letter, January 27) trots out the tired Tory chant, "the politics of envy". *Is that any worse* than the politics of avarice?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. BECHELET,
13 Ashbourne Road,
Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.

Lottery odds

From Mrs G. A. Trigle

Sir, The good people of Blackburn are surely very fortunate to be able to claim the largest number of lottery wins (report, January 31). The residents of Marlborough would like to claim the smallest number of wins. We are still awaiting the opening of our three designated terminals.

Yours hopefully,
G. A. TRIGLE,
7 Aubrey Close,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
February 4.

Getting the bird

From Mr Roy Healey

Sir, I am afraid Matthew Parris ("Perhaps people are like penguins . . .", February 6) is already too late in his desire not to become a penguin bore.

Yours sincerely,
ROY HEALEY,
17 Sefton Road, Swinton, Manchester.
February 7.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

HMS Caroline

From Sir Philip Goodhart

Sir, Of course John Hinton (letter, January 26) is right: the light cruiser *HMS Caroline* must be preserved in an appropriate setting. As the last survivor of the Battle of Jutland, she is the unset jewel of British naval history.

I am not, however, encouraged by Captain Michael Henry's argument (letter, January 31) that *HMS Caroline* should continue as the headquarters of the Ulster Division RNR in her present inconspicuous berth in Belfast harbour. Elsewhere in the United Kingdom almost all the surviving RNR headquarters have been moved ashore.

There are plenty of suitable buildings inside security perimeters in Belfast, and one of the Royal Navy's surplus Ton Class minesweepers could also be made available.

The assertion, made to the Imperial War Museum by the Ministry of Defence, that it would cost more than £1 million to move the RNR headquarters (report, January 19), is clearly a delaying tactic rather than a rational financial costing. Obviously, those who have served on *HMS Caroline* in Belfast would be sorry to see her move, but it is doubtful whether one historic warship would add much to Northern Ireland's appeal to tourists.

Where, then, should *HMS Caroline* find a permanent home? Birkenhead is plainly one possible answer. *HMS Caroline* was built there, in the old Cammell Laird shipyard, just before World War I and a suitable berth could be made available near *HMS Plymouth and HMS Onyx*, a frigate and a submarine that played notable roles in the Falklands conflict. The Liverpool Maritime Museum is just across the Mersey.

The Ministry of Defence should decide, now, that it will hand over *HMS Caroline* to the Imperial War *Museum before 1997.*

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART (Chairman,
Warship Preservation Trust),
25 Abbotsbury Road,
Kensington, W14.
February 1.

TV for children

From Ms April Pillsbury

Sir, As an American raised on public television programmes such as *Sesame Street*, I must agree with Brenda Maddox's conclusion ("Pity our poor American cousins", Media and Marketing, January 25) that children's programming will be the salvation of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), if anything will. There is a demand in the United States for quality children's television which the networks and cable television are not meeting. Even if such programming were available on the major networks, it would be adulterated by a stream of mindless adverts.

Mr Newt Gingrich, the Republican Speaker, who wants to stop federal money for the CPB, must not watch the same Georgia Public Television I do. Children of all socio-economic classes watch and enjoy public television. Unfortunately, BBC imports and musical programmes do not have as wide a market, but their appeal is certainly not limited to the better-off.

There is a demand, but is the price too high? If funding is cut, will the American public be willing to make up the difference to keep such programming on the air? I can only hope that the answer is "Yes", but I fear it will be "No".

Sincerely,
APRIL PILLSBURY,
466 South 6th Street Extension,
Milner, GA 30257 USA.

Vox pop

From Colonel T. J. Magee

Sir, Should hospitals now be encouraged to outlaw the use of the verb "to pop", commonly used by nursing staff? Patients are asked to "pop yourself onto the trolley"; "pop this into your mouth"; "pop along to X-ray". Presumably when all else fails we will be asked to "pop our clogs".

Yours faithfully,
T. J. MAGEE,
Lower House,
Lower Chute, Wiltshire.
February 7.

Rail services

From Mr Jeremy Taylor

Sir, The situation Janet Daley describes (February 2) in Hertfordshire of a spiral of decreasing services leading to ever fewer rail passengers and ever more expensive fares is mirrored south of London, and I'm sure elsewhere in the country too.

Even if privatisation is not the ultimate solution, surely a diversion of funds from road-building to allow a better, more frequent or cheaper rail service would encourage greater rail usage, *especially on suburban commuter lines.*

A much sought-after perk for London office workers is the company car parking space, either free or subsidised. Why not introduce tax concessions to make a company-sponsored rail ticket more attractive than the car park? I'm quite sure this would produce some rapid changes of attitude among the car-driving community.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY TAYLOR,
Birch House,
2 Millhedge Close, Cobham, Surrey.
February 2.

From Miss Regina Kibel

Sir, Mr Mawhinney has "confirmed that the minimum service required after privatisation would involve less frequent trains on many lines" (report, January 28).

Previously we learned that under privatisation the number of stations able to issue through tickets would probably fall (reports, January 10, 13; leading article, January 12; letters, January 18, 25).

Neither can be described as an improvement in service — so could we please have from the minister a list of the specific improvements that the travelling public can expect under privatisation?

Yours faithfully,
REGINA KIBEL,
7 Barham House,
Molyneux Street, W1.
January 28.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 7: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited The Queen's Flight at Royal Air Force Benson, Oxfordshire, and were received by the Captain of The Queen's Flight (Air Commodore the Hon. Timothy Elworthy).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness met past Captains and their wives, widows of past Captains, serving members of The Queen's Flight and members of The Queen's Flight Association.

The Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Air Vice Marshal Peter Harding, Mr Simon Gimson and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Earl of Lindsay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of The Federal President of Austria and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 7: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Dinner to celebrate the Chinese New Year at the Oriental Restaurant, the Dorchester Hotel, London WI.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 7: The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this afternoon attended the opening ceremony of the Scientific Open Day, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WCI.

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this evening attended a Dinner for prospective donors at 9 Hays Mews, London WI.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 7: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 7: The Duke of Gloucester, President, Britain-Nepal Society, was present this evening at the Annual Dinner at St Columba's Church Hall, Pont Street, London SWI.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 7: The Duke of Kent this afternoon visited the Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, London EC4.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened Rowley Regis Hospital, Moor Lane, Rowley Regis, Warley, West Midlands, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Compton Hospice, this afternoon opened the Bradbury Day Care Centre, Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, UNICEF UK, this evening attended a private viewing of paintings by David Lewis, the Mall Galleries, Carlton House Terrace, London SWI.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit the Medlock Estate and visit the Salvation Army drop-in centre, Grosvenor Street, Chorlton on Medlock, Manchester, at 10.50; will visit the Corpus Christi centre, Varley Street, Miles Platting Estate, Manchester, at 11.40; as President of Business in the Community, will present the Community Enterprise awards at Granada Television, Water Street, at 12.50; and will visit the Great Hall, Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology, at 2.40 to meet students involved with the Centre for Exploitation of Science and Technology's Post Graduate Training Partnerships.

The Princess Royal will open the new West Midlands Police sports and social club at the Police training centre, Pershore Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, at 10.35; as Patron of SENSE, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, will visit the SENSE shop at 227 Coventry Road, Sheldon, at noon; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* at The Hippodrome, Birmingham, at 1.45; and will attend the premiere of *Black Beauty* at the Warner West End cinema, Leicester Square, WC2, at 7.45 in aid of the British Equestrian Olympic Fund.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Royal Armouries Development Trust, will visit the Jewel House at HM Tower of London at 10.25; will attend a presentation at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, at 12.05; and will receive honorary fellowship of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers at Birdcage Walk at 5.15.

Birthdays today

Lord Cameron, KT, 95; Professor Averil Cameron, ancient historian, 55; Miss Rachel Cusk, author, 28; Mr Osian Ellis, harpist, 67; Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, 82; Mr Harman Grisewood, former chief assistant to the director-general, BBC, 89; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, 80; Lady Howe of Aberavon, chairman, Broadcasting Standards Council, 63; Lord Jakobovits, 74; Mrs Diana Ladas, former Headmistress, Heathfield School, 82; Professor Ann Lambton, Emeritus Professor of Persian, London University, 83; Mr Murray Lawrence, former chairman, Lloyd's, 60; Mr Jack Lemmon, actor, 70; Mr Roger Lloyd Pack, actor, 51; Miss Morag Macdonald, former company secretary, Post Office, 48; Sir Francis McWilliams, former Lord Mayor of London, 69; Sir Kenneth Maddocks, former Governor, Fiji, 88; Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, 87; Mr Alexander P. Papamarkou, international financier, 65; Dr June Paterson-Brown, former chief commissioner, Girl Guides Association, 63; Lord Rayne, 77; Dame Laurie Salas, UN worker, 73; Sir Richard Southern, former President, St John's College, Oxford, 83; Mr G.J. Strowger, former managing director, Thorn Electrical Industries, 79; Mr Richard Tracey, MP, 52; the Rev Dr John Tudor, superintendent minister, Westminster Central Hall, 65; Mr John Williams, composer of film scores, 63.

New Fellows

The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama is to confer Fellowships on Sir William Fraser, Mr Maurice Temple, Mr Kenneth Newis and Mr William Millar.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J. Galvin, Jnr and Miss N.S. Hall
The engagement is announced between Daniel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Daniel J.W. Galvin, of Elstree, Hertfordshire, and Natalie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles A. Hall, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr C.P. Gaynor and Miss G.L. Gibbons
The engagement is announced between Charlie, son of Mr John Gaynor, of Hermanus, South Africa, and Mrs Jane Gaynor, of Fulham, London, and Loveday, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Gibbons, of Hammersmith Terrace, London.

Mr J.P. High and Miss A. Norgate
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Paul and Elizabeth High, of Prior's Court, Chieveley, Berkshire, and Annabel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Norgate, of Donnington, Berkshire.

Mr T.M. Lawrie and Mrs D.G. Penrose
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place next September between Tom Lawrie, of Braehead, Lanark, and Jill Penrose, of Drinkstone, Suffolk.

Mr G.J. Marsden and Miss S.L. Dulson
The engagement is announced between Gregory John, son of Mr and Mrs M.R.I. Wood, of Todmorden, Lancashire, and Sharon Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Goodwin, of Stapleford, Nottingham.

Mr D.G. Moar and Miss C.M.C. Donelan
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mrs Barbara Moar and Mr Edward Moar, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mrs Maya Donelan and Mr Michael Donelan.

Mr M.J.S. Seymour and Miss M.L. Emerson
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr Derek Seymour and of Mrs Betty Seymour, of Poole, Dorset, and Lindy, only daughter of the late Mr Claude Emerson and of Mrs Leslie Emerson, of Geelong, Australia.

Marriage

Mr M.R.H. Lee and Miss S.M. Ogilvy
The marriage took place on February 7, 1995, in Dorset between Mr Martyn Lee and Miss Susie Ogilvy.

Wycombe Abbey School Seniors Association

Wycombe Abbey School Seniors Association intends to publish a revised address list this year in preparation for the School's centenary in 1996. Would any former pupils of Wycombe Abbey School who have lost touch with the Seniors Association and would like to be included in the new address book please contact the General Secretary, Mrs G.C.S. Mather, at 12 Archery Close, London, W2 2BE.

Service dinner

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, and Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, were the principal guests at a dinner of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 held last night at the Naval and Military Club for the Admiralty Board and to commemorate Founder's Day (February 4, 1765). Admiral Sir Jeremy Black presided.

PAUL HANNA



Cordelia Griggs, 8, of Falkner House School, South Kensington, presented the Prime Minister and Mrs Major with a basket of apples and a tree yesterday as part of Bramley Apple Week. Also present was Ian Mitchell, chairman of the Bramley Campaign Group, which is fighting for the traditional English apple

Dinners

Gardeners' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the sheriffs and their ladies, attended a livery and ladies' dinner of the Gardeners' Company held last night at Mansion House.

Mr N.A. Chalmers, Master, presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr D.E.F. Gollin, Upper Warden, and Lady Justice Butler-Sloss also spoke.

Britain-Nepal Society
The Duke of Gloucester, President of the Britain-Nepal Society, and vice-presidents of the society were welcomed by Sir Neil Thorne, chairman, at the annual supper held last night at St Columba's Church Hall.

The Nepalese Ambassador and Mrs Shrestha were among the guests.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Roy Swanston, President of the Royal Insitution of Chartered Surveyors, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr John Gummer, MP, and Mr Simon Jenkins were the speakers.

Institute of Measurement and Control
Professor H.A. Barker, President of the Institute of Measurement and Control, presided at a dinner held last night at the Science Museum.

Earlier Dr T.J. Quinn, Director of the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures, had delivered the Golden Jubilee Thomson Lecture.

Church news

The Rev Tom McCabe, formerly Assistant Curate, St Alban, Broadheath: now Associate Vicar, St Michael, Bramhall (Chester).

The Rev Rob McLaren, Assistant Curate, Bebington: to be Vicar, All Hallows, Cheadle (Chester).

The Rev Alan Maunder, formerly Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Birkenhead: now Priest-in-charge, St Luke, Poulton (Chester).

The Rev Matthew Parker, Priest-in-charge, St Mark, Stockport: to be Team Vicar, newly inaugurated Stockport South West Team Parish (Chester).

The Rev Brian Reeve, Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Alderly and Warden of Readers (Chester): now *also* an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral.

The Rev John Roff, Vicar, St George, Stockport: to be Team Rector, newly inaugurated Stockport South West Team Parish (Chester).

The Rev Keith Round, Assistant Curate, St Francis, Meir Heath: to be Vicar, St Werburgh, Burslem (Lichfield).

The Rev Christopher Samuels, Rector, St Mary Without-the-Walls, Handbridge: now *also* Rural Dean of Chester (Chester).

The Rev Richard Snow, Curate, Preston Plucknett (Bath and Wells): to be Team Vicar, Stratton St Margaret w South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren Team Ministry (Bristol).

The Rev James Southward, Team Vicar, Crawley (Chichester): to be Vicar, Higham w Merston (Rochester).

The Rev Vaughan Sweet, Curate, Uttoxeter w. Bramshall: to be Priest-in-charge, Hadley (Lichfield).

The Rev Simon White, Assistant Curate, St George, Stockport: to be Team Vicar, newly inaugurated Stockport South West Team Parish (Chester).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev John Blackman, Team Vicar, St Margaret's in the Coventry East Team Ministry (Coventry): retired as from January 18.

The Rev Canon John Howitt, Vicar, St John, Peterborough and Proctor in Convocation (Peterborough): to retire as from April 6 and then be appointed a Canon Emeritus of Peterborough Cathedral.

The Rev Canon Michael Swindlehurst, Vicar, Brightlingsea (Chelmsford): to retire as from April 30, and then be appointed a Canon Emeritus of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Rev Ralph Werrell, Rector, Southam (Coventry): retired as from December 31, 1994.

The Rev Stanley Winton, Rector, Delamere (Chester): to retire as from July 10.

Luncheon

Her Majesty's Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, and Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, were the hosts at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of the Supreme Allied Commanders.

Local heroes meet their patron today

BY JOHN YOUNG

DOZENS of local heroes, as the Prince of Wales has dubbed them, will meet their patron in Manchester today when he presents the 1994 Community Enterprise Awards, sponsored by *The Times* and Touche Ross and organised by Business in the Community.

The awards were initiated by *The Times*, then in partnership with the Royal Institute of British Architects, as a means of recognising the achievements of local community leaders who gave time and effort to improving the lives of their fellow-citizens.

Among the instigators was the late Charles Douglas-Home, then Editor, who wished to acknowledge the efforts of those who did not rely too heavily on help from the government or from local authorities, and to foster self-help in the process of regeneration. Mr Douglas-Home's widow, Jessica, will be at today's ceremony where the overall winner will be presented with the award named in his memory.

Among the previous winners are projects which have gone on to become significant elements in the local economy. Two in particular are the highly successful Derry Inner City Trust, which has been at the centre of the revival of Londonderry after a quarter of a century of destruction and sectarian violence; and Community Links, in the East End of London, which has turned the derelict Canning Town Hall into a thriving community centre serving the people of Newham, statistically the poorest borough in the United Kingdom.

The RIBA is no longer involved, but *The Times* has continued to sponsor and publicise the awards. Last year it was joined by Touche Ross, the chartered accountants, whose managing partner, John Connolly, spoke yesterday of "a quiet revolution".

"Local people, many of them suffering from unemployment, crime, homelessness and inner city decay, are taking matters into their own hands," he said. "They are setting up community businesses, raising funds and forging local partnerships to tackle some of the United Kingdom's most pressing social problems. These community entrepreneurs raise capital, create jobs, train youngsters and inspire local people to take positive action to improve their living conditions. They start up and run community businesses, for social good rather than personal gain. They set up vital services such as nursery care, managed workspace and help in searching for jobs, and plough any profits back into continuing to meet the needs of the local community."

Successful companies not only benefited from a healthy society but depended on it, Mr Connolly said. Many of them now had programmes to invest their expertise, facilities, staff and money in tackling social issues.

Granada Television, at whose studios today's presentation will take place, had challenged five large companies in the North West — Norweb, Manweb, British Nuclear Fuels, British Aerospace and the Greenalls Group — to work with local communities and to build youth centres and sports facilities on housing estates. Twenty five companies had worked with the Environment Department to set up a £3 million local investment fund for community organisations that found it difficult to attract money from conventional sources, and more than 150 professional firms had offered to provide free advice to community and voluntary organisations.

From around 200 entrants in the early years the total nearly doubled last year from 387 to 762. Details on how to enter for the 1995 awards will be published shortly.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Burton, scholar, Lindley, Leicestershire, 1577; Jean André Deluc, geologist, Geneva, 1727; John Ruskin, writer, artist and social reformer, London, 1819; William Sherman, Union general in American civil war, Lancaster, Ohio, 1820; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and explorer, Leicester, 1825; Jules Verne, novelist, Nantes, 1828; Dmitri Mendeleyev, chemist, Tobolsk, Russia, 1834; Martin Buber, philosopher, Vienna, 1878; Dame Edith Evans, actress, London, 1888; King Vidor, film director, Galveston, Texas, 1894; James Dean, actor, Marian, Indiana, 1931.

DEATHS: Mary Queen of Scots, executed at Fotheringay Castle, Northamptonshire, 1587; Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia 1682-1725, St Petersburg (Leningrad), 1725; Aaron Hall, poet and dramatist, London, 1750; Robert Southwell Bourke, 6th Earl of Mayo, Viceroy of India 1869-72, assassinated at Port Blair, Andaman Islands, 1872; Berthold Auerbach, novelist, Cannes, France, 1882; R.M. Ballantyne, novelist, Rome, 1894; Prince Peter Kropotkin, geographer and anarchist, Dmitrov, Russia, 1921; William Bateson, biologist and geneticist, Merton, Surrey, 1926; Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, architect, London, 1960.

Rioting and looting followed a peaceful demonstration of the unemployed in Trafalgar Square, London, 1886.

Fourteen British mercenaries were executed by firing squad in Angola, 1976.

Shergar, the Aga Khan's Derby winner, was kidnapped from a stable in Co Kildare and a £2 million ransom was demanded, 1983.

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Then Peter said, "What about us? We have left everything to follow you. How shall we fare?"
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BIRTHS

BARRETT - On 28th January 1995, to Joanne 'Jo' (née Storey) and Ben, a beautiful daughter, Hannah Lucy de Rye.

BLACK - On February 2nd, to Rebecca (née White) and Andrew, a daughter, Katya Montresor.

CAMPBELL - On 4th February, to Andrew and Louise (née Stegen), a son, James Frederick Andrew, a brother for Alexander.

CAMPBELL-MARSFIELD - On 7th February, at Whipps Cross Hospital, a bouncing baby boy, 8lbs 4oz, to Susan and Michael.

CHAVASSE - On January 31st, at Arrowe Park Hospital, to Susan (née Boot) and Charles, a daughter, Nicola Maree.

CHURCHILL - On 5th February, to Catherine (née Kennedy) and Billy, a boy, Henry, a baby brother for Grace and Freddy, God Bless

COLEBATCH - On 6th February, to Lucinda (née Fowler) and Phillip, a daughter, Roxanna.

DICKENS - On 7th January 1995 to Lizzie (née Knight) and Richard, a son, Timothy Edward. Happy Birthday (60th) Grandma Dickens.

ENEVOLDSON - On 26th January 1995, to Ayuta (née Mulligan) and Peter, a daughter, Katherine (Kate) Mary.

FRY - On 3rd February 1995, to Judy (née West) and Michael, a wonderful son, James Michael Engelbrechen.

HOLDEN-AYALA - On February 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Lupita and Gordon, a beautiful daughter, Camila Alejandra, a sister for Manuel.

BIRTHS

HUI - On February 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Linda (née Kuo) and Kelly, a beautiful healthy daughter, Maxine, a sister for Nikhol.

McINTYRE - See Shennan.

PRITCHARD - On 25th January 1995, to Keith and Katrina (née Burrell), a daughter, Jessica Ellen.

QUINNEY - On January 29th, to Angela (née Russell) and Gavin, a daughter, Georgia Rose.

REID - On 6th February, in Canberra, to Claire (née Lochhead) and Robert, a son, James Robert, a brother for Essex, a grandson for Kenneth.

RICHMOND - On 4th February 1995 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Harriett (née Eggleston) and Charles, a son, Jonathan Louis Morison.

RIETVELD - On February 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Marine (née Logie) and Hans, a lovely daughter, Tamara, a sister for Alistair.

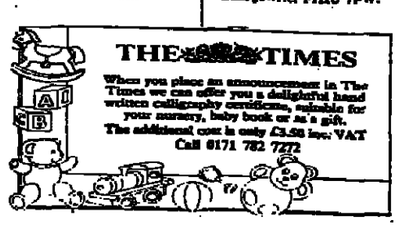
SEARLE - On February 6th at the Lindo, to Virginia (née Tweedale) and John, a son, Philip Stephen, a brother for Alexander and Robert. May God be with him always.

SHENNAN - On January 14th, to Miranda (McIntyre) and Christopher, a daughter, Rosie Louise.

WHEATLEY - On 2nd February 1995 to Marie-Caroline and Vere, a son, Felix, a brother for Matthew.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

MACLACHLAN-TODD - At the Scots Kirk, Calcutta, on 8th February 1945, Major William Patrick Gawain to Lavender Joy. Present address Enochdhu, by Blairgowrie, PH10 7PW.


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DEATHS

BEAUFOY - On 4th February, peacefully, Leroy Arthur (Roy), Emeritus Professor Reading University. Cremation at Hendon Crematorium Monday 13th February at 3 pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Arm Allen, Finchley Community Network, Stanhope Avenue, London N3 3QL.

BOWN - On February 3rd, peacefully in Southmead Hospital, Bristol, Naomi Joan M.B., Ch.B., aged 94 years, highly respected general practitioner in Nailsea for over 40 years. Long standing member of Bristol Bridge Club, fondly remembered by family and friends. Funeral Service at Canford Crematorium, Westbury-on-Trym, Monday February 13th at 11 am. If desired flowers or donations for Guide Dogs for the Blind, may be sent to Thomas Davis Funeral Directors, Southville Lodge, Southville Road, Bristol BS3 1DJ.

BRIGGS - Reverend R. Irvin Briggs B.D., who passed away Saturday 4th February 1995. Funeral to take place on Monday 13th February 1995. Service to be held at St Paul's Church, Hatmsull at 12.30 pm followed by interment at Grange Hill Cemetery, Chigwell. Donations or floral tributes according to preference. Enquiries to T. Cribb and Sons Funeral Directors, 112 Rathbone Street, Canning Town, E16 1JQ. (0171) 476-1866.

BROSNAGE - Carmen Blanche aged 82 years, peacefully at home in Aldeburgh on February 5th 1995. Greatly loved mother of Neville and his family. United with Brom. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium, West Chapel on Monday February 13th at 11.45 am. No flowers, if desired donations made payable to the Redwing Horse Sanctuary c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

BURKE - Charles Graham, late of the Worcestershire Regiment, suddenly 3rd February at home Orwell, Honiton. Funeral Service at Exeter & Devon Crematorium on Thursday 9th February at 3.15 pm.

DEATHS

CLARKE - On 6th February 1995, suddenly at home David, aged 61 years. Much loved husband of Helen and the late Jean, his son Nicholas, daughter-in-law Moira and stepchildren Carolyn and Alastair. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Warblington, on Monday 13th February at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Michael's Hospice c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E.Sx., tel: (0435) 882219.

de MILLE - On February 6th 1995. Noel James suddenly at home in Thorpeness aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Alice and father of Peter and Andrew, also grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Aldringham Parish Church in Suffolk on Friday February 10th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired made payable to Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

FOOT-WALKER - William, peacefully on February 4th 1995, in Hull Royal Infirmary. Dearly loved husband of the late Gladys and beloved father of Hilary, Mary and Sarah. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Lowgate, Kingston-upon-Hull, Monday February 13th at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers please to E.W. Brown & Son, Funeral Directors, 433 Beverley Road, Hull.

GOOD - John, suddenly on Friday 3rd February 1995. Memorial Service on Friday 10th February 1995 at 11.30am at Magdalen College, Oxford. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Africa Now, 9 Villages Project in Egypt c/o Joanna McMeiken, John Good Holbrook, Elm Place, Eynsham, Oxford OX8 1PU.

DEATHS

GRIFFIN - Thomas Day O.B.E. 30th January 1995 suddenly but peacefully whilst skiing in Austria, with his children. Dearest husband of Jillian, adored father of Douglas & Gillian, greatly loved stepfather of Roger & Merle. Private family cremation 10th February Torquay. Thanksgiving Celebration 12.30 pm Saturday 25th February St Peter's, Stoke Fleming, nr. Dartmouth, Devon. Donations in lieu of flowers to RNLI, 6 King Square, Bristol BS2 8JD.

HAYES - On February 4th, peacefully at Singleton Hospital, Swansea, Kathleen Mary, dearly loved wife of J.W. Gordon Hayes and devoted sister of Bishop John Mort. Private cremation followed by a Memorial Thanksgiving Service at 3pm Monday February 13th at St Cattwg Church, Port Eynon. Family flowers only but donations, if so wished, to Heart Foundation c/o Colin Davies Funeral Director, Stembridge Mill, Reynoldston, Gower, Swansea SA3 1BT.

HUEL-BROCKDORFF - Erik, Baron Huel-Brockdorff peacefully at Hindemae Molle, Ullerslev, Fyn, Denmark on 6th February 1995 aged 88.

KIRYLUIK - On January 28th, Wlodzimierz "Jimmy", beloved husband of Maureen, devoted father of Stephanie and Julian, grandfather of Chloe and Toby, brother-in-law of Jean, father-in-law of Simon and Julia. Private family funeral has taken place.

LIDDLE - Roy, suddenly on 4th February in Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath. Loving husband to Peta and father to Nikl, stepfather to Alex.

LUDLOW - On February 4th 1995, peacefully in hospital, Gwladys Mary, beloved wife of Christopher Ludlow and much loved sister of John Stephens and Frances Reeve. Funeral Service Monday February 13th 11.30 am St Mary's Aisle, Truro Cathedral, followed by cremation at Penmount Crematorium. Funeral Directors, W.J. Beswetherick & Son Ltd. (0872) 74021.

DEATHS

MACDOWALL - Gladys Hunter (Tocsh), widow of David, much-loved mother of Jean and Gillian, died peacefully, aged 94: at the Downs, Hideway, Truro: Sunday 5th February 1995. Funeral at St John's, Truro: Tuesday 14th February 10.45 am, followed by private cremation. Donations, if desired, to National Deaf Childrens Society (45 Hereford Way, W2).

MARTYN - On February 4th, Brenda Maynard (née Goslett), peacefully at Bere Hill Nursing Home, Whitchurch, Hants. Dearly loved mother of Philippa and Elizabeth, grandmother of Julia, Tom, Imogen and James. Memorial Service at St Peter's Church, St Mary Bourne, on Tuesday February 14th at 11.30 am. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) c/o Halcrow & Sons Funeral Directors, 6A Bridge Street, Andover, Hants. SP10 1BH.

PETERSEN - (née Von Kennenberg) on 7th February 1995, peacefully at Rutland, Reigate, Lit. aged 90 years. Widow of Eric, devoted mother of Karina and Kenneth and much loved grandmother of Charlie, Paul, Tanya and Edward. Funeral Service on Thursday 16th February 11.30 am at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Pound Hill, Crawley.

PINSENT - John, February 3rd peacefully at home, beloved husband of Helena and nephew of Phy, Editor of Liverpool Classical Monthly. Funeral 1 pm Friday 10th February at Liverpool Parish Church, Our Lady and St Nicholas, Pierhead, followed by burial at Toxteth Park Cemetery. Flowers or donations in lieu (Continuity Care Team Trust Fund McMillan) to 4 Wellington Field, Liverpool, L16 0EL. All welcome and further enquiries (051) 735-0078.

ROBINSON - Mary, formerly of Singapore, Malaysia and Fiji, died peacefully on February 8th 1995, aged 72. Dear wife of the late Hugh Robinson and loved by her sons Gaden and Max and their families. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Service, tel: (07532) 883178.

DEATHS

SCANLAN - On 4th February 1995, peacefully at home after a long illness courageously borne, Marina (née Gonzales Cervantes), adored wife of John and dearly loved mother of Johnny and James. Funeral Service at St James's R.C. Church, Spanish Place, George Street, London W1, at 11 am on Friday 10th February 1995. Family flowers only - donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15/19 Britten Street, London SW3. All other enquiries to Messrs. A. France & Son Ltd., 45 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3NH, tel: (0171) 405-2094.

SEGALL - Dora, on 6th February 1995 at Edenhall Marie Curie Centre, died peacefully after a short illness. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, 12 noon Friday 10th February. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Centre.

ST. CLAIR ERSKINE - Jonathan Harry, on 3rd February in Wyoming, only son of the late the Hon. Mrs and the Hon. David St. Clair Erskine. Burial at Rosslyn Chapel at 12.45 pm on Friday 10th February.

WARMINGTON - Sir Marshall, Bart, on 5th February, peacefully at Battle Hospital, Reading, aged 84 years. Beloved brother of Betty, father of Malcolm, Anne, David and Anthony and grandfather. Funeral private. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to The Royal British Legion, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JY.

WILSON - On February 6th 1995, peacefully at home, Joyce, beloved wife of Bishop Roger, mother of Paul, Nicholas and Frances. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Wrington, on February 13th 1995 at 11.30am. No flowers, but donations to The Childrens Hospice South West c/o Cooksley & Son, 1 Wattscote Road, Weston-Super-Mare.

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PROFESSOR J. S. de WET

Professor Jacobus de Wet, Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics, Balliol College, Oxford, 1947-71, died in hospital in Basingstoke on January 7 aged 81. He was born on July 1, 1913, in Rouxville, Orange Free State, South Africa.



JACK de WET was the doyen of mathematics tutors in Oxford. His personality was ideally suited to guiding and directing the studies of the young (in some cases *the not so young*); his extraordinary command of both pure and applied mathematics at the undergraduate level became legendary at the university. The range of his tutorial and lecture teaching was without equal during these years: from abstract algebra through analysis to classical applied mathematics and modern quantum theory there seemed to be no subject that was not within his grasp.

His enthusiasm for mathematics (at times he could never sit still in tutorials for the sheer excitement of the subject) was infectious. He inspired the able and gifted to their first-class honours, and guided and sometimes firmly directed the average to leaving the college with a qualification appropriate to their abilities. At the blackboard he was a bundle of nervous energy; some mistakes were inevitable but for most students such minor deficiencies led to a more complete understanding of both the concrete and the abstract.

Jacobus Stephanus de Wet was of Afrikaner stock. His early education was at Smithfield High School and from there he went to the University of Cape Town, which so cradled and influenced him that he returned in the last years of his professional life to give back some of what had been bestowed upon him.

At Cape Town he studied science, engineering and, above all else, mathematics; thereafter this subject was to dominate his widespread interests in both research and teaching. His quickness of mind and brilliance in mathematics led to the award in 1935 of a Rhodes Scholarship; some turn of fate directed him to Balliol College, Oxford, for which both he and the college were to be grateful as the years went by. He completed his undergraduate studies in mathematics over two years and graduated BA with first- class honours in 1937.

With that achievement behind him, de Wet moved to the University of Cambridge for his postgraduate studies in mathematical physics. After one year at St John's College he was awarded a Commonwealth Fellowship and spent 1938 to 1940 at Princeton, New Jersey, where he completed work in mathematical physics that led to the award of a PhD in 1940.

He was appointed in 1940 to a lectureship in applied mathematics at the University of Cape Town; two years later he moved north to the Transvaal to occupy, until 1946, the professorship of mathematics at the University of Pretoria. During the whole of this period he served as a technical adviser to the Royal South African Navy.

In 1946 Balliol called for his return to Oxford where he held, for one year, an ICI fellowship together with a college research fellowship. There followed, in 1947, appointment to an official fellowship and a tutorship in mathematics, a position he was to hold with distinction for the next 24 years.

In addition to his gifts as a teacher, de Wet was also an able and innovative research worker (a paper published by the Royal Society in 1950, and written jointly with F. Mandl, broke new ground in eigenvalue theory and is often quoted to this day).

He played a full and effective role in the administration of the college, and served as vice-master in his final year, 1971. Formally, the Balliol years came to an end in 1971 with the decision by de Wet and his wife Madge to return to South Africa.

He was Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Cape Town from 1971 to 1982. He was made Assistant Principal in 1975 and in the same year became a member of the council of the university as an adviser on science and industrial research.

He had many other commitments during this period in South Africa. He served the government as adviser to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, 1982-85. His vision for the future of both pure and applied science guided him to prepare a report on the funding of research in universities and museums and led to the creation of the Foundation for Research and Development in 1984. He also served on the Rhodes Scholarship selection committee and it was largely his hard talking that was responsible in 1976 for the first non-white South African being elected to a scholarship.

Jack and Madge de Wet returned to live in the United Kingdom in 1986 and de Wet's last years were spent in Odiham, Hampshire. Both he and his wife were committed to serving the local community, and he taught a variety of courses at the nearby institute for both young and adult education.

He maintained an abiding interest in college affairs, and in the fortunes of his large "family" of former students. During these last years the "Balliol de Wet mathematicians", all former Balliol students of de Wet, formed themselves into a college group. A number of meetings were organised for the purpose of renewing friendships, and dining well in the college hall.

On these memorable occasions de Wet's remarkable memory rarely failed him and all his former students were greeted with their first names. This group numbered about 185 and on the occasion of de Wet's 80th birthday celebration no fewer than 70 were present in the college to pay him tribute.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a stepson.

THE VERY REV PROFESSOR ROBERT CRAIG

The Very Rev Professor Robert Craig, CBE, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1986-87, died on January 30 aged 77. He was born on March 22, 1917.



WHEN the call came for Bob Craig to preside over the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1986, few can have been more surprised than the man who received it. Having spent most of his life abroad, he had attended only one previous such assembly and had been back in Scotland for less than a year. Yet he carried out his far more than ceremonial duties with great authority and warmth.

He was, in fact, one of the most distinguished of the Presbyterian divines of his day. Born in Markinch, Fife, the son of a stonemason and a linen-weaver, the young Craig early on displayed signs of intellectual precocity. After a state school education in Fife, he went on to St Andrews University and then to Union Theological Seminary, New York, where he was a student of both Reinhold Niebuhr and Paul Tillich. Ordained in 1942, he became an Army chaplain the following year, taking part in the battles in Normandy and being mentioned in dispatches.

From 1945 to 1947 he served with the King's Own Scottish Borderers in what was then British mandatory Palestine — whether consciously or not thereby laying the foundations for what was later to be a part of his life's work in Jerusalem. In 1947 he left the Army and returned from Palestine to Scotland to become, first, assistant minister at St John's Kirk, Perth, and then (a formative experience) deputy leader of the Iona Community under George MacLeod.

In 1950 he began the service overseas that was to keep him away from Scotland until his retirement from the active ministry in 1985. He first became Professor of Divinity at Natal University in South Africa, moving from there to Smith College, Massachusetts, as Professor of Religion in 1958. He went back to Africa in 1963 as Professor of Theology at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland — holding various administrative appointments there (including that of acting Principal twice) until, thinking it was time to make way for an African, he moved to Jerusalem at the beginning of the 1980s.

In Jerusalem, as well as serving as the local Presbyterian minister, he became chairman both of the Ecumenical Research Fraternity and of the international YMCA. He was appointed CBE in 1981. Since the 1960s he had been garlanded with academic honours — holding, as well as his PhD from St Andrews, honorary degrees from four separate universities.

Craig and his Polish wife, Olga, whom he met in Nazareth in 1945, returned to Scotland in 1985 ostensibly to retire. Instead the next year, with all the burdens of being Moderator upon his shoulders, proved one of the busiest of his life. He brought to the role an engaging informality — never more obviously on display than when during his year of office he returned to both South Africa and Zimbabwe.

He is survived by his wife and their daughter and son.

FERRUCCIO TAGLIAVINI

Ferruccio Tagliavini, Italian lyric tenor, died in Reggio Emilia on January 29 aged 81. He was born in the same town on August 14, 1913.

AT THE end of the last war Ferruccio Tagliavini was reckoned by many in the opera world to be the obvious successor to Beniamino Gigli, who was almost 25 years his senior. But Gigli was not going to give up his crown easily: he went on singing until he was well into his sixties. Nor could Tagliavini, whose clear and honeyed timbre suited him ideally for the operas of Bellini and Donizetti, claim Gigli's panache when it came to Italian popular songs in recitals which filled concert halls the world over.

But the Americas spotted Tagliavini's exceptional gifts the moment opera singers were able to move freely again. Tagliavini toured South America in the 1946-47 season and appeared at the Colón in Buenos Aires. He also made his North American debut with the Chicago Lyric Opera, by way of Mexico City, in the same season as Rodolfo. *La Bohème* was the opera he regularly favoured when new ground was to be tested. His first stage role, at the Teatro Communale in Florence in 1938, was Rodolfo and this was the part in which he made his debut at New York's Metropolitan Opera on January 10, 1947.

His appearance that night, according to the critic of *Opera News*, caused "such rejoicing as the historic house had not witnessed for years". Slight exaggeration, perhaps, but The Met immediately took Tagliavini to its collective heart. He was back there regularly until 1954 in the popular Italian repertory, excelling as Edgardo in *Lucia di Lammermoor* (opposite Lily Pons) and as Nemorino in Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore*.

London at last heard him, also as Nemorino, when the Scala company paid a visit to Covent Garden in 1950. The scale of applause for Tagliavini, and especially for his last act aria "Una furtiva lagrima", was on the level of that opening night at The Met. But the Royal Opera was slow to secure him for its own performances, as it was with many of the leading Italian singers of the day. By the time they eventually arrived, the voice was often past its prime.

This was certainly true of Tagliavini when he came as Cavaradossi in 1955, a role he repeated the next year but the only one he ever sang with the Royal Opera. Few complained about his leading ladies, first Tebaldi and then Milanov, but it was pointed out that Tagliavini had already been heard in this part with a scratch Italian company at the Stoll Theatre and he might have been persuaded to sing something else. His other London stage appearance, again with a hastily put together Italian company this time at Drury Lane, was in Bizet's *Les Pêcheurs de perles* sung in Italian and with Alicia Markova as prima ballerina.



Tagliavini as Edgardo in *Lucia di Lammermoor*

Ferruccio Tagliavini came late to the stage. He trained first as an engineer before he decided, with his father's encouragement, to turn to opera. He won a major singing competition in 1936 and after his debut in Florence a year later appeared in a number of Italian houses before reaching La Scala in 1942 as Almaviva in Rossini's *Barbiere*. He had recently married the soprano Pia Tassinari, ten years his senior. They frequently appeared on stage together, most notably perhaps in Mascagni's gentle opera *L'amico Fritz*. The composer thought well enough of the couple to record it with them a few years before his death — and perhaps he was grateful to them for helping to keep it in the repertory. Tassinari had a substantial career of her own and was invited to The Met following her husband's success there. She died four years ago.

During and immediately after the war Tagliavini made a number of recordings, mainly on the Cetra label, which are still much admired today, especially those of the *bel canto* operas. He sang with Callas on a number of occasions and recorded *Lucia di Lammermoor* with her for EMI. He was not the most photogenic of performers — short and quite tubby — but he appeared in a number of the opera films turned out rapidly by the Italian studios for a population hungry for music.

Ferruccio Tagliavini was probably at his peak in the 1940s and early 1950s. But he began to agree to take on roles that were too heavy for him and to sing in arenas, such as Verona, that were too large. Later the refined *mezza voce* was still in place, but "gear changes" became audible and he resorted sometimes to Italianate sobs. Gigli, his old rival, used to get away with it, but with other tenors it was different.

Tagliavini's official farewell came in 1965 at the Fenice in Venice. For it he chose Werther, a role once much favoured by Tito Schipa, a tenor with whom he had quite a lot in common. Thereafter he was tempted out of retirement from time to time.

KENNETH MATTHEWS

Kenneth Matthews, author and broadcaster, died on December 28 aged 86. He was born on May 21, 1908.

A FOREIGN correspondent with the BBC for many years, Kenneth Matthews would go anywhere at any time provided there was a story. He saw service in the Balkans during the Second World War and in the Middle East afterwards, but his most dramatic assignment came during the Greek communist insurrection and subsequent civil war of the late 1940s.

Matthews, who had been covering the protracted battle, was captured by armed communist guerrillas near Corinth in October 1948 and held for a fortnight. Alarming reports voicing concern for his safety appeared in *The Times* while Matthews was being marched around the precipitous mountains of the northern Peloponnese, and given an exhausting Cook's tour of Greek communist life in the raw. He was finally set free, relatively unscathed by the experience, near Patras, and picked up by the Greek police. He turned the adventure to good account in his humorous reminiscences, *Memories of a Mountain War* (1972).

Kenneth Albert Matthews was from East Anglian farming stock, the son of a Methodist minister. He was educated at Kingswood School, Bath, and at Peterhouse, Cambridge, to which he won a scholarship in Classics. He graduated with a first in Philosophy, and had the added distinction of winning the college's reading prize in competition against the young James Mason.

Afterwards he cycled around Greece and took his first job as a housemaster at an extraordinary boarding school on the island of Spetsai which was attempting to model itself on a combination of Eton and Harrow. Matthews tried to teach the boys cricket, without much success, an experience he told in one of his early books, *Greek Salad* (1935).

With the outbreak of war he joined the Joint Broadcasting Committee, which was absorbed in 1941 by the BBC Transcription Service to form the nucleus of the new BBC Monitoring Service. After making his first broadcast, in modern Greek, he joined the BBC's foreign news department as a producer and editor, and was then appointed the Middle East and Balkan correspondent. He covered the Cairo and Tehran conferences, the revolutions in the Lebanon and Syria and spent three months with Tito's partisans in Yugoslavia. In one broadcast he described how he acted as a nursing orderly for Dr Lindsay Rogers, the New Zealand surgeon, while Rogers operated on the partisan wounded.



After his ordeal in Greece, Matthews was ordered back to Broadcasting House where he was demoted to "the graveyard" — the department which prepared advance obituary notices. However, before long he re-emerged into the BBC's news team at Alexandra Palace, commentating on foreign affairs. In the early 1950s he visited Brazil, was stranded in the jungle and encountered the naked tribes of the Xingu River. This formed the subject of his book *Brazilian Interior* (1956). "He can set a scene brilliantly and his professionalism makes it quite impossible for him to write a dull paragraph," wrote an enthusiastic *Times* reviewer.

By the late 1950s, Matthews was tired of commuting from London to his lovely house, the Old Rectory in Halesworth, Suffolk, and he went to head the newly established regional news office of the BBC in Norwich. There he remained until his retirement in 1968. He continued to broadcast regularly afterwards, however, particularly on another of his great enthusiasms, chess. He gave a particularly graphic account of that titanic marathon between Boris Spassky and Bobby Fischer in the the world chess championship match of 1972.

Kenneth Matthews did not need the company of others for its own sake. He was quite content on his own for weeks on end, replaying games of chess, reading, writing and pottering about his garden. But in company he was charming, and he entertained his friends with delightful letters. He was an excellent writer, the author of a dozen books, and was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

His first marriage ended in divorce and his second wife, Lydia, predeceased him. They had one daughter. She survives him and is the wife of the Provost of King's College, Cambridge.

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George Sturt, who wrote under the name of 'George Bourne', was, as his obituarist wrote, "a rare combination of the handicraftsman and the born writer". His books included The Wheelwright's Shop *and* Memoirs of a Surrey Labourer.

Mr. Sturt's special gifts were perhaps seen at their best in "The Wheelwright's Shop" which appeared in 1923. In it he gave the history of a wheelwright's yard at Farnham, which goes back to 1706 and was in his own family for 110 years. He inherited the business unexpectedly from his father, and tried for a lifetime to make himself master of the ancestral craft, at first under the influence of Ruskinian principles, but, afterwards from genuine love of the work. Yet, though in his shop he could never make up for the loss of the 'prentice years, in his book he drew vividly the passing of the traditional patterns of land-craft, the decline of the old craftsman with his fundamental knowledge and varied skill, and the rise of the "hand" able only to feed a standardized machine. "Waggons," he says, "grew into beauty, not to please artists who gushed about them, but to satisfy carters and to suit the exigencies of field and crop and road." The book is also a storehouse of old English words and phrases fast passing out of currency.

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The BBC Director-General may feel the need to impose a polite state on his own journalists, but he has no mandate to speak for the press

Rude? Include us out, Mr Birt

The BBC's Director-General has a curious idea of the role of the press. If John Birt has any inkling that Ireland is abroad, he gave no sign in his lecture last Friday at Trinity College, Dublin. His not-too-coded warning to BBC journalists to be less rude to their political masters was parochial to the point of discourtesy.

The BBC's Director-General spoke in general terms about the dangers of disputatious media unbalancing "the political process". Yet this is not a problem in Ireland. Nor in the United States, where elected officials suffer far more from slickly destructive political advertising and the insults of shock-jock radio than from any Paxman-style interrogators.

No. The problem is peculiarly British, caused by the unhappiness of politicians who, holding the BBC by the throat, feel that they should be treated with more respect.

Even so, the Dublin speech was curiously muddled for a man who likes well-engineered argument. It called the troubled present "the era of the soundbite and the tabloid". Yet tabloids are scarcely a modern ingredient in British political life.

Odd too, from one who so frequently warns against nostalgia for a non-existent golden past, to hear of a time when "politicians were exalted participants in important and largely secret processes", who "commanded an awed respect — even a degree of reverence." When was that? Certainly not in 1890-91, when the media's feeding frenzy over his divorce case ruined Charles Stewart Parnell's future, and Ireland's.

Unfortunately, the best part of Mr Birt's Dublin speech went unreported: the description of his Christian Brothers education in Liverpool. The Brothers, he said, "succeeded — and I was a beneficiary — with a no-nonsense regime of exam-focused teaching and rote-learning. Pupils learnt in a climate of fear. The slightest shortcoming . . . was rewarded with a stroke of the infamous strap. The only educational frill was a weekly lesson in politeness."



BRENDA MADDOX

Mr Birt then delivered his own lessons in politeness, applying them equally to broadcasting, which depends on government licence and regulation, and to print, which does not. He seemed not to notice the difference. Yet his strictures are inappropriate to the printed press, of which many alternative forms exist and which flourishes on partisanship and cheek. Surely he went beyond his brief in attacking a venerable Fleet Street practitioner: the "sub who composes a crass and unfair headline"? A tabloid story subbed by Mr Birt presumably would read: "Man Bites Dog — A Rare Occurrence".

On Mr Birt's little list of those who exhibit attitudes "unattractive" in a journalist is "the columnist at his or her desk pontificating arrogantly". But what is a columnist for if not to pontificate? Who wants to read Bernard Levin, Lynda Lee-Potter or Sir Sam Brittan for anything but confident, opinionated self-certainty?

But the printed press can look after itself. It has no director-general. BBC journalists, however, ought to worry about their boss's insensitivity to their art. He attacked, for instance, "the disorienting opening question" — as if this tactic, of which Sir Robin Day is a pastmaster, were not the best way to derail the approaching soundbite.

He scolded too — knowing that the public have been taught that interrupting is rude — the goading interviewer. He would have done better to praise the skill of his professionals who labour to hold at bay someone trained to waffle on until the time runs out.

As for Jeremy Paxman, anatomy is destiny. The long face with its unusual distance between brow and lip and its asymmetrical mouth, give him a permanently askance look. But he does cram a lot into two and a half minutes.

Mr Birt should ask himself about his own part in filling the airwaves with more news programmes than anyone wants, then scolding those who fill these with speculation. Also, whether he does not perhaps exaggerate the impact of a broadcast "argy-bargy"? A "feeding frenzy" of headlines may indeed follow an unintended remark, but — without real cause — a political crisis usually does not.

The most astonishing statement in the Birt speech was his claim that "journalism is not an end in itself; it is a means to an end". That is outrageous.

If you substitute "press" for "journalism", you will see how shocking it is, along with its corollary: "We need to reassert that journalism's highest purpose is to inform the citizenry."

Whoever "asserted" this "purpose"? Journalism is simply the exercise of free speech — a right, not a social tool. It has no hierarchy of purposes. Journalists do not claim, as Mr Birt maintains, to speak for "the people". They speak for themselves: one voice, which counts for no more than one. That others are free to do the same is what matters.

Yes, it is a pity that broadcasting outlets are still so scarce that politeness lessons must be imposed upon those who use them. But spare the rod from the rest who do not work under threat of having a licence removed.

John Willis, Channel 4 programmes director, questions the fairness of C4's huge annual subsidy to ITV

What couldn't we do with £57 million?

Television is obsessed with fantasy. On Channel 4, fantasy politics is played on *The Number 10 Show* and weekly BBC2 celebrates *Fantasy Football*. Part of my job as Channel 4's Director of Programmes is to fantasise, thanks to the £57 million-plus which, as will be announced tomorrow, we will pay ITV as part of the labyrinthine funding formula devised in the 1990 Broadcasting Act.

The formula requires Channel 4 to pay ITV 50 per cent of any revenue it earns over and above 14 per cent of the UK's total terrestrial television advertising income. It was supposedly designed as a "safety net" to protect Channel 4's minority-programming remit. In fact it has produced a windfall for ITV shareholders.

Last year, Channel 4 handed over £38 million to ITV; this year's figure is about £57 million.



Willis: C4 produces a windfall for ITV

I dream of the richness, the diversity, the innovation which that could bring to our viewers. The figure is exactly a quarter of our total programme budget—three months of Channel 4's entire schedule.

Instantly, we could follow the success of *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *Shallow Grave*, doubling our Film on Four production. That would mean 12 more British movies.

Fiction is one of the defining characteristics of any broadcaster's schedule. Currently, ITV and BBC can afford to spend about as much on its drama as Channel 4's entire annual programme budget. With the missing millions we could double our present limited number with further new series each year such as Jimmy McGovern's *Hearts and Minds*, which starts next week.

The best guarantee of Channel 4's long-term future as a broadcaster with a public-service ethos is to fund adequately a high level of indigenous British production.

Commissioning British work will increasingly mark out the four terrestrial channels from the burgeoning cable and satellite channels who are inevitably dependent on repeats and American purchases. Last year, Channel 4's Top Ten was not awash with US series. It included *The Rector's Wife*, *Brookside*, *Jo Brand*, *Countdown* and, at the top, *Cutting Edge*, the documentary series. More such British series would keep Channel 4 at its current buoyant audience level. Besides doubling our fiction, we could add five low-budget movies, including a multicultural film of the quality of *Bandit Queen* plus a long-running teenage drama, three new arts series and four additional top arts and culture events such as Glyndebourne and Glastonbury. Then we could add five new education series and more religion, schools series and disability programming.

My fantasy extends to important developments in two areas of growing significance, series that reflect multicultural Britain and more science for young viewers.

Our daytime output badly needs investment to replace black and white films and American purchases. I then dream on to five further series, such as *Moviewatch*, or *Wise Up* for children and young people. We could add to our very successful documentary and current-affairs output with seven new series with the quality of *Beyond the Clouds*. That's not forgetting late-night discussion, Christmas animation follow-ups to *The Snowman* and *Screaming Reels* and other sports series. We would still have ample to enhance our commitment to experimentation and, crucially, to develop more work created outside London.

Before I stop dreaming, I would put extra millions into the vital area of comedy in the rich tradition of *Rory Bremner — Who Else?* and *Drop the Dead Donkey*.

Of course, this exciting fantasy was rudely interrupted by a letter from Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, rejecting any immediate change, consigning us to paying ITV at least another £50 million next year. That means we will have given away about £150 million in three years, and the chance of a richer service to viewers and hugely increased opportunities for Britain's large band of independent producers — millions, all diverted to ITV shareholders.

Moreover, contrary to its intention, the funding formula drastically reduces the money we can invest in developing our programme service. Imagine if Virgin Atlantic subsidised British Airways or the Royal Court Theatre paid millions to Andrew Lloyd Webber or Newcastle gave Manchester United the equivalent of Andy Cole, Peter Beardsley and Robert Lee, then had to play against them every week.



Drop the Dead Donkey: its success could be oft-repeated — if Channel 4 kept the extra millions

Channel 4 is a winner. A small broadcaster commercially successful by sticking to its remit to be different and one whose work is shown to great delight all over the world. Overseas broadcasters trying to discover the magic secret find the funding formula absolutely baffling. As one said: "This is so British, to try to stop you as soon as you're successful. Does the Government want you to buy more American programmes rather than to produce your own. I think, as you say, this isn't cricket."

If it's not cricket it's hardball. In Channel 4's hands, that £57 million could fund more than 400 additional hours of high-quality British production. More jobs, more exports, better quality, wider choice. Perhaps before we have to start yet more re-runs of *I Love Lucy*, Stephen Dorrell will put the viewer first. Then I can turn my fantasy into reality.

HOW CHANNEL 4 COULD HAVE SPENT £57m

The following is an indicative schedule of the additional volume and range of new British programmes which Channel 4 could have provided to UK viewers in 1994 if it had not had to subsidise ITV.

	Programmes	Hours	Total £m
	Drama		
3	Drama series (eg *Rector's Wife, GBH*)	15	10.5
12	Film on Four	20	10.0
1	Teenage drama series	75	6.0
1	Multi-cultural film (eg *Bandit Queen, Salaam Bombay*)	2	1.0
3	Low budget films	3	1.0
1	New film-makers scheme	2	0.5
	Additional Drama	117	29.0
	Factual		
4	Documentary series (eg *Beyond the Clouds*)	20	2.5
5	Education series (eg *Time Team, Food File*)	21	2.5
3	Current affairs specials/mini-series (eg *Power & The People, Falklands War*)	12	2.0
2	Schools series	10	1.0
2	Experimental series	10	1.0
	Additional regional development	12	1.0
2	*Religious series (eg Witness)*	10	1.0
1	Early evening science series	4	0.5
3	Science specials	3	0.5
1	Youth documentary series (eg *Moss Side*)	4	0.5
1	Disability strand	5	0.5
	Additional Factual	111	13.0
	Arts & Entertainment		
1	Multi-cultural arts series	12	1.0
2	Late night discussion series (eg *After Dark*)	20	1.0
4	*Childrens/Youth series (eg Wise Up, Eurotrash)*	27	2.0
3	Comedy series (eg *Drop the Dead Donkey*)	18	3.0
2	Arts series (eg *For Love or Money*)	12	1.0
4	Arts events (eg *Glyndebourne, Royal Ballet*)	6	2.0
1	Christmas animation (eg *The Snowman*)	1	0.7
4	Daytime series	110	3.8
2	Youth sport/activity series	7	0.5
	Additional Arts & Entertainment	213	15.0
	Total additional production	441	57.0

A great many words in your ear

What sort of programmes can we expect from the new Talk Radio?

AN INVENTIVE radio station in Los Angeles used to run a competition called *Name That Food!* in which a presenter would read out the ingredients listed on an unnamed food packet and invite the audience to guess what the product was. The resulting telephone calls from listeners — broadcast live — were often surprising, and nearly always amusing, as callers frequently failed even to distinguish a bun from the hot dog that went inside it.

If you ever imagined that such things could never happen in the UK, think again. Next week sees the launch of Talk Radio, the nation's first national commercial speech-based station. While *Name That Food!* is not on the station's programme list, it would not look out of place.

Promising to fill 40 to 50 per cent of its airtime with phone-ins, Talk Radio is targeting 25 to 49-year-olds with a mixture of entertainment-based discussion programmes. The presenters include a collection of well-known loudmouths, such as Vanessa Feltz, the chat show host, and Dr David Starkey, the outspoken historian and broadcaster.



Sir David Nicholas: politicians will listen in

The intellectual ballast on this frothy and seemingly lightweight vessel comes in the form of Sir David Nicholas, the former chief executive of Independent Television News, now chairman of Talk Radio.

Although the station has been hyped as the home of "shock jocks" (an American term used to describe rude and abrasive talk show hosts), Sir David believes that British audiences will want something more intelligent than that.

"The heckler in the crowd at Speaker's Corner or the raspberry-blower at the back of an audience — these things are typically British. But audiences here will not put up with the kind of rudeness you find with American shock jocks," he says.

Sir David, 65, believes that Talk Radio will redefine the conventions of non-music radio that have been virtually set in stone by Radio 4 for decades. The youngish, essentially middle-brow, demographic sector that the station is targeting is crying out for an alternative to the BBC and to the 150-plus music stations now crowding the nation's airwaves, he says.

"Talk Radio will be a sounding board for national opinion, which politicians will have to listen to for an assessment of the popular mood," he adds.

Media analysts, such as Lucy Broke of James Capel, are concerned that Talk Radio's £3.8 million annual cash bid, the 4 per cent qualifying advertising revenue levy it must pay to the Treasury and the £350,000 licence fee it has to hand over to the Radio Authority every year, look high for a radio station.

John Aumonier, managing director of Talk Radio, says, however, that after investing £1.5 million in re-equipping its transmitter, the station will have one of the most cost-effective transmission systems in the UK. Transmission costs, initially estimated at about £2 million a year, have been halved, he says.

Although cautious about its prospects, Ms Broke believes that Talk Radio could not have picked a more auspicious time to launch. Commercial radio's advertising revenue rose 23 per cent in 1994 to £219.4 million. The sector now accounts for more than 4 per cent of national advertising revenue (against 2 per cent three years ago) and it added 1.5 million new listeners last year.

THE STATION has already attracted a handful of premium brand advertisers, such as the House of Fraser, but Steve Hyde, broadcast director at the media buyer Zenith Media, believes that one of its strengths is likely to lie in the area of programme sponsorships. "With such a flexible format, its potential for creating vehicles for sponsorship should be greater than other stations," he says.

ALEXANDRA FREAN

Top travellers go BBC1

THOUGH it ranks in 19th position on our television ratings table, *Holiday*, BBC1's long-running travel programme, has proportionately more viewers in the ABC1 socio-economic groups* than any other show in the chart, *Alexandra Frean writes*.

More than 48.3 per cent of its audience are ABC1s, compared with 44.7 per cent for the viewing population at large.

The programme, launched in 1969, spawned a number of imitations, including Thames Television's *Wish You Were Here* in 1976 and BBC2's *The Travel Show* in 1988 and BBC1's own *Summer Holiday* in 1994. *Holiday* was originally presented by Cliff Michelmore, who brought to the series a background in current affairs. At its peak in 1991, it attracted 15.4 million viewers.

The only other programmes in the chart with more than 44.7 per cent of ABC1s are *Pie in the Sky*, the BBC1 detective drama, and the Sunday evening news, also on BBC1.

**A = upper management and senior professional workers, B = middle management and junior professional, C1 = clerical supervisory.*

TIMES TV TOP TWENTY: ABC1s

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	Programme	Date	Time	Channel	Producer	Genre	Aud (M) All 4+	Aud (M) ABC1
1	A Touch Of Frost	Sun 22	20.32	ITV	Yorkshire	Drama series	16.2	7.1
2	Casualty	Sat 21	20.06	BBC1	BBC	Drama series	15.9	7.0
3	Coronation Street	Mon 16	19.32	ITV	Granada Television	Soap	18.5	6.9
4	EastEnders	Tue 17	19.31	BBC1	BBC	Soap	16.4	6.7
5	The National Lottery Live	Sat 21	19.50	BBC1	BBC	Entertainment	15.2	6.3
6	Kavanagh	Sun 22	17.20	ITV	Carlton Television	Drama series	14.0	6.1
7	Antiques Roadshow	Sat 21	18.14	ITV	BBC Features	Lifestyle	12.9	5.3
8	International Gladiators	Fri 20	21.01	ITV	LWT	Game show	13.7	5.1
9	The Glass Virgin	Sun 22	19.29	BBC1	Worldwide Int'l TV	Drama	13.0	5.0
10	*Pie In The Sky*	*Sat 21*	19.16	ITV	Witzend Productions	Drama	10.8	5.0
11	Blind Date	Sun 22	21.07	BBC1	LWT	Entertainment	12.6	4.9
12	One Foot In The Grave	Sun 22	18.05	BBC1	*Sit-com*		10.9	4.8
13	News And Weather	Wed 18	21.01	ITV	BBC	News	11.3	4.8
14	Taggart	Sat 21	20.56	BBC1	BBC News	Drama series	11.7	4.7
15	News, Sport and Weather	Fri 20	20.01	ITV	Scottish Television	News	9.9	4.7
16	The Bill	Sat 21	18.59	BBC1	Thames Television	Drama Serial	12.9	4.7
17	Noel's House Party	Sun 22	18.59	BBC1	BBC	Entertainment	11.7	4.6
18	Last Of The Summer Wine	Tue 17	19.00	BBC1	BBC	Sit-com	10.8	4.5
19	Holiday	Mon 16	21.00	ITV	BBC	Lifestyle	9.1	4.4
20	Die Hard				20th Century Fox	Film	11.7	4.4

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Britons eat tons of the instant snacks — why then are manufacturers having a hard time?

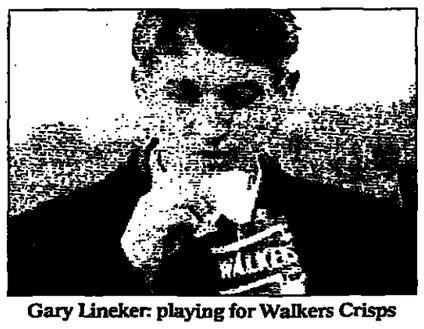
Soggy state of the potato-crisp market

The potato crisp may be a humble product. But big money is being made and lost on it. Last Friday, Dalgety, the owner of Golden Wonder, announced it was to sell its snack-food business. On the same day, Bensons Crisps' share price collapsed by a third after it announced annual losses and a refinancing package. In the past few months, Bensons, Golden Wonder and KP, which owns crisp brands such as McCoys, Roysters and Frisps, have announced factory closures.

All of them have found their margins crumbling in the wake of a cut-throat price war that has left their profit margins decidedly soggy. The price war that started 15 months ago led Sainsbury, Safeway, Tesco and other grocery chains to reduce a six-pack of crisps from 85p to 59p. Some makers offer brands at 33p a six-pack, and some discounters respond by lowering their prices to as little as 28p a six-pack.

Malcolm Jones, managing director of Bensons, says: "The world really is turning upside down when the standard price of a single bag of crisps is 21p and a six-pack 28p."

But there is an odd thing about this particular tale of marketing woe. Demand for crisps is huge. Every day, Britons guzzle almost 10 million bags of them, creating a £900 million-a-year market. And it is growing. Nielsen, a market-research firm, found that we crunched our way through 12 per cent more of them last year. And it is not own-label or "price-fighter" brands that have been gaining the greatest market share — by far the most successful brand last year was Walkers, the market leader.



Gary Lineker: playing for Walkers Crisps

According to Peter Thompson, president of Walkers Snack Foods, the PepsiCo-owned company noticed that before the price war broke out UK consumers were paying far more for their snacks than their American counterparts. This, Walkers decided, was killing the market's growth. The UK industry, says Mr Thompson, had "shot itself in the foot with price increases". Walkers' response has been to "return value to the category".

Over the past two years, Walkers has undertaken an obsessively detailed overhaul of its quality, fine tuning everything from how potatoes are stored and cut to exact frying times and oil to weight ratios. It has also repackaged its crisps in foil to keep them fresher, as well as running sales promotions and creating new distribution channels and variants such as Walkers Double Crunch.

Crucially, rather than using improved quality as an excuse to raise prices, it has frozen them.

The strategy seems to be working. Last year, Walkers' sales leapt 17 per cent, pushing its total market share up by 7 per cent to 43 per cent — not bad for a brand with supermarket sales alone of £170 million. Not content with that, already this year the brand has been relaunched with new packaging, "new, improved" flavourings, plus television commercials that cast Gary Lineker, the squeaky-clean footballer, against type, to create what its advertising agency calls "a distinct advertising personality".

Indeed, the PepsiCo company is now so bullish that it plans to pull a flanker on Coca-Cola, its arch rival. Walkers is already Britain's biggest food brand, but its new goal, Walkers' staff were told earlier this year, is nothing less than to topple Coca-Cola from its pedestal as Britain's number one brand.

The stark contrast between Walkers' fortunes and those of its rivals is not being lost on marketers. Too many British companies, says John Wakely, a Lehman Brothers analyst, have adopted niche-marketing strategies and "British Rail pricing policies". They have pushed up prices, only to find sales volumes falling. Then they have responded to falling volumes by pushing up prices. In a desperate attempt to keep production lines busy, they have taken on more and more own-label supply contracts at marginal costs. They have ended up with the worst of both worlds.

ALAN MITCHELL

Up-to-date kit for the sporting set

Nicole Swengley shapes up with the season's new range of toning and trimming accessories



● Throw out your old leotard! New in the shops this month is the Elite Unitard, a sleek all-in-one exercise outfit made of 55 per cent cotton, 35 per cent polyester and 10 per cent elastane. It comes in two colourways — black with china print and midnight navy with china print — in sizes small (10-12), medium (12-14) and large (14-16), and costs £29.99 from JD Sports, 145 Oxford Street, London W1 (0171-287 8502) and good sports shops nationwide.

● Boots' new Body Workout range, in its sleek aluminium-coloured packaging, uses natural ingredients which have not been tested on animals. It includes grapefruit Hair and Body Wash, £2.45; menthol and peppermint Cooling Shower gel, £2.45; Sunburst Melon Cooling Dew, £2.25; lavender and rosemary Mineral Bath Soak, £3.25; mint and jojoba Liquid Talc, £2.69; mint and jojoba Double Protection Anti-perspirant Deodorant, £2.29. There is also a Watermint and Loofah Body Buffer, £2.59, which polishes away dead skin cells and fights cellulite. Available at most Boots stores.

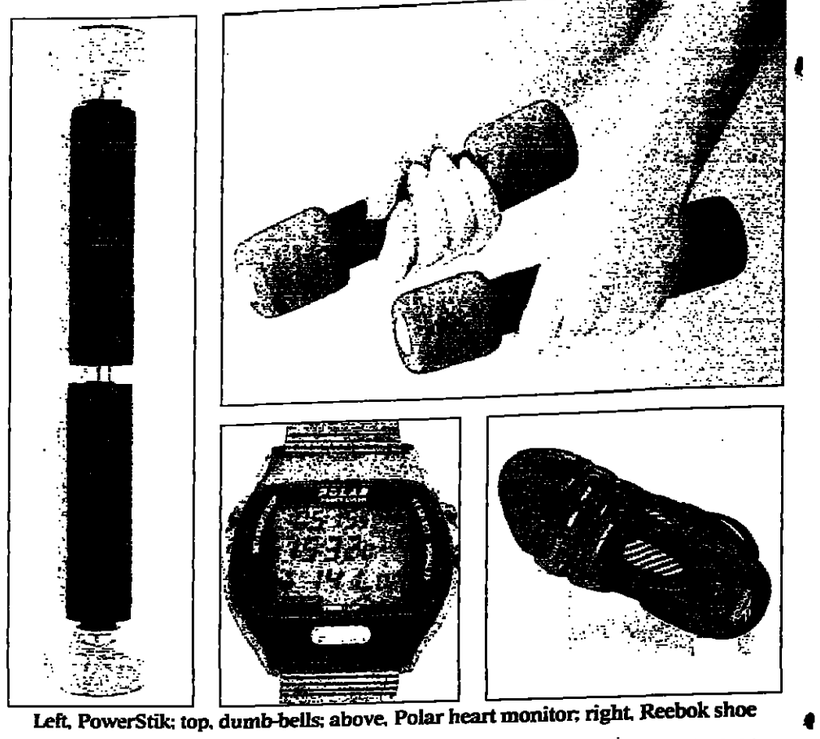
● Reebok's latest high-tech shoe is for women who take aerobics seriously. The Instructor Graphlite Mid Hytrel HXL, £69.99, is available in sizes 3-9 in white/burgundy/black or black/silver/orange and features a moulded mid-sole with special arch support for stability, cushioning and durability. Stockist details: 01494 816666.

● Anyone looking for a practical sports bag will find the Lockerbag meets most needs. There's plenty of space inside to stash gear, with a separate shoe compartment and handy pocket for toiletries. A large outside pocket takes wet or dirty kit and there's a racket side-pocket and two further exterior pockets. It measures 45cm x 25cm x 36cm, will fit under aircraft seats and costs £29.95 including p&p from Lockerbag UK Ltd, Chester Enterprise Centre, Hoole Bridge, Chester CH2 3NE (01244 682340 answering machine).

● User-friendly dumb-bells are an incentive to step up the action. This foam-covered pair, each weighing 1½lb, are among the most attractive I've come across for working out at home or in the gym. They cost £5.90 per pair including p&p (ref AX-SW-3) from Newitt & Co Ltd, Claxton Hall, Malton Road, York YO6 7RE (01904 468551).

● Polar's new Protrainer Heart Rate Monitor, £149.99, can be used for a broad spectrum of sports including aerobics, running, cycling and walking. It gives target zone performance feedback (ie time spent within, above or below the desired goal) and has a high/low alarm. Its transmitter belt can be worn around the chest with the receiver unit on the wrist or it can be used without the transmitter belt as a sportswatch with a stopwatch facility and calendar information. From Intersport, John Lewis, Lillywhites, Olympus or from Bodycare Products Ltd (01926 50935).

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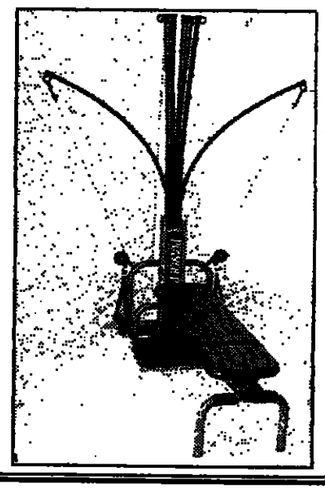
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Executive stress and winter blues are pummelled away at The Oriental Hotel's new Spa in Bangkok. **Nicole Swengley** takes to the Thai treatment

Soothing rhythms to banish the blues

Bangkok is a very long way to go for a massage. Six thousand miles, in fact. But, desperate to throw off winter blues, I flew to Thailand for a three-day pampering at The Oriental Hotel's new Spa.

Friends thought I was mad. Massage in Bangkok? Nudge nudge, wink, wink. No, I protested. A reputable massage. At a fabled hotel. Truth to tell, I arrived in Bangkok at 6.15am feeling dreadful. An hour's taxi ride through polluting traffic jams didn't help, although my attractive split-level room at The Oriental did much to restore my equilibrium. Best of all was the panoramic view of the Chao Phraya River, chaotic with working barges and longtail tourist boats.

Flagging in the 28C heat, I took the hotel's private ferry to The Oriental Spa on the opposite riverbank. Full-size topiary beasts, bougainvillaea and a water-lily pond greeted me. I discarded my shoes and padded into the cool interior on smooth teak floors.

I was ushered into a private room — there are no public spaces — with teak walls and floors. A futon lay on a teak platform and it was here that "Angel Hands" gave me an hour's jet-lag massage, pummelling stiff shoulders and restoring circulation to my legs. Traditional Thai music twanged peacefully. I fell asleep.

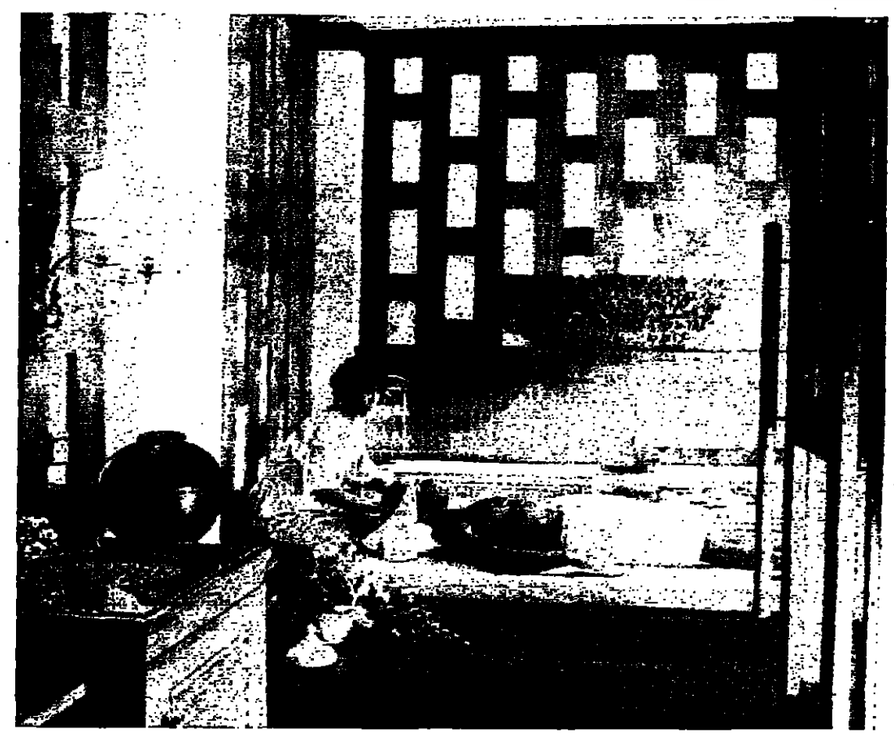
A brand-new treatment — alpha-massage — had me clambering into a space-age computerised capsule which gently vibrated, glowed, played New Age music and told me how many calories I was burning all night. Physical and mental fatigue vanished in this two and a half hour serious destressing stint. "Is this a miracle?" I asked Kurt Wachtveitl, The Oriental's general manager for 29 years. "It's a total release of tension — people often cry," he said.

> Angel Hands gave me an hour's jet-lag massage. Thai music twanged peacefully. I fell asleep

Basically his idea, the Spa crystallised in the face of competition from other hotels. "I wanted to make The Oriental a bastion of good living, a place where people can be pampered. Countries like Cambodia and Burma, now opening up to tourists, have lots of culture but little luxury. We can offer treats for body, mind and spirit at the start and finish of your travels."

So how does The Oriental Spa differ from Champneys or Baden-Baden? "It's not a medical spa, but it does focus on total well-being. It's the Thai culture, Thai people and their attitude to service which makes it so special," explains Mr Wachtveitl.

The mental side of relaxation is as important as the physical, so meditation classes are held in a special room, and yoga, stress management and behavioural modification are available. "It's a combination that works," says Mr Wachtveitl. "People come for a single jet-lag massage, a half-day, a three-day package or a week."



The new Spa: its destressing techniques have been known to make people cry

With characteristic attention to detail, he confides: "We did feel guilty about the teak so we planted more than 5,000 trees to replace the ones we felled."

Rejuvenation ranges from European skincare, aromatherapy, mud and seaweed body wraps, to Thai herbal treatments using plants grown specially for the Spa. I particularly enjoyed the papaya body polish during which I was smarmed with fruity liquid, wrapped in a polythene sheet and left to marinade for 30 minutes. Oriental massage — during which you wear loose cotton shorts and a shirt supplied by the Spa — was another indulgence. Kneaded with the elbows, feet and wrists of a Thai masseuse, my body achieved almost yogic flexibility after one hour.

The Spa may be a reflection of Nineties concerns, but The Oriental's nostalgic fame as a writer's retreat lives on. Ghosts of Somerset Maugham, Joseph Conrad and Noël Coward stalk the Authors' Lounge, where afternoon tea is served, and there is even a Jeffrey Archer library.

Lunching on crab and papaya at the riverside Verandah restaurant — it is one of five at the hotel — or dining on Thai cuisine at the Sala Rim Naam restaurant next to the Spa, is a delicious experience. One to five-day Thai cookery courses are held at the Spa for anyone wishing to re-create recipes when they get back home.

So how did I feel after the overnight flight back to London? Tired, but certainly less stressed. And I felt I'd been away far longer than three days. It's a magic medicine, this Bangkok massage...

● *The Oriental Spa offers a number of packages starting from £824 for an Executive Rescue Pack including two nights' accommodation and breakfast, lunch, dinner daily plus eight treatments (flights extra). Details: Mandarin Oriental (0800 962667). Return flights to Bangkok on Thai Airways International from £589 (0171-499 9113).*

Gentle steps to fitness after forty

It is never too late to get fit, but do not leap into your Lycra — take the softly, softly approach, says **Ros Drinkwater**

When 83-year-old Lady Hulse awoke recently to find her bedroom ablaze, she did not delay. She knotted her sheets, shinned 20 feet down to safety and persuaded her 85-year-old husband to do likewise. Few can expect to have their agility tested so late in life. But if we did, would we be up to it?

For most, fortysomething is when alarm bells start ringing, stiffness and breathlessness being common complaints. We resolve to do something about it, but what? At 44, with a lifestyle "too busy for exercise", the top hair-stylist Heinz Schumi found a solution with the fast version of roller skates, roller blades.

"As a child in Austria I skated and skied, so it came very naturally," Mr Schumi says. "With knees, elbows and shins protectively padded, I travel three to six miles every day, feel fit as a fiddle, and after a month found I had lost over a stone."

Middle-aged women could try pumping iron. A recent American study showed that older women who work out with dumb-bells and training machines sharply reduce the risk of the bone-thinning condition osteoporosis. But before you leap into Lycra, consider the question — are you fit enough to take exercise?

Physical fitness trainer Nigel Sapsed, of the Conrad Fitness First Health Club, believes in the softly, softly approach.

"It is never too late to get fit, but *how* to get fit depends on a number of factors — your lifestyle, your diet, how much exercise you take and your exercise history. How much sport have you done since you left school?"

Mr Sapsed emphasises the importance of exercise early in life. "Whatever your age, fitness means heart, lungs and muscles working to optimum ability. The fittest among us will have started to exercise when very young. Blood supply is at its best when a child's bones are still forming, so the more exercise you get when young the stronger your internal structure will be.

"It's more than likely that Lady Hulse enjoyed sport in her girlhood. As we get older the body begins to deteriorate, and we lose bone density. Without exercise, the frame weakens, and muscles waste away. By middle age the typical sedentary person will either be very thin, or overweight with fat covering very small muscles."

For the couch potatoes among us, Mr Sapsed recommends walking as the ideal introduction to a mature physical fitness plan. "It costs nothing, and it's sociable." He reckons 40 minutes' brisk walking a day, three days a week is ideal. "Exercise increases the body's efficiency. When you begin a regime the muscles start to grow. The lungs will supply muscles with oxygen more efficiently. Don't forget that the heart is a muscle and, like any other, proper use strengthens it. Its job is to pump blood through the arteries to the rest of the body, but the heart does not pump it back. That is done through the veins by use of muscles such as the diaphragm. Of course fat is used up in the creation of energy resulting in weight loss."

The next step after walking should be gentle floor exercises for stomach and legs, such as sit-ups. For arms, lift light weights. "Like driving a car, you need expert tuition," Mr Sapsed advises. "The wrong kind of exercise can damage your health. It's important to choose a gym or health club, where your progress will be supervised."

According to Mr Sapsed, the British trail behind the Americans, who take exercise much more seriously.

"Apart from belonging to a health club, a large percentage of American middle-class families invest in machines — treadmills, Nordic machines that simulate cross-country skiing, and stair machines. The latter exercises big muscles such as the thighs and hamstrings and is the ideal alternative to jogging on hard pavements which, in middle age, can put too much strain on knees, hips and lower back."

Finally, for those who recoil at the idea of *any* exertion, a Chinese approach might be the answer. Zhan Zhuang (pronounced jam-jong) is the 2,700-year-old technique of developing internal energy through prolonged stationary exercise. At a recent press launch for a Channel 4 Zhan Zhuang series, a roomful of sceptical journalists had the smiles wiped from their faces by a demonstration from master exponent Lam Kam Chuen.

● *Details: The Conrad Fitness First Health Club, Conrad Hotel, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10. (0171 823 3000); The Lam Clinic (Zhan Zhuang), 70 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1V 7DF*

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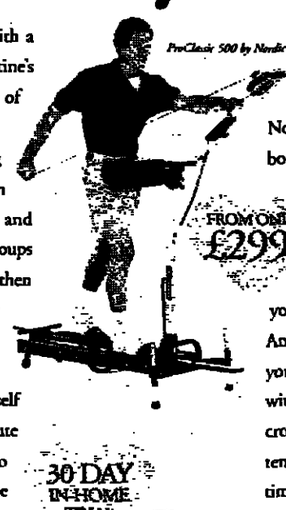
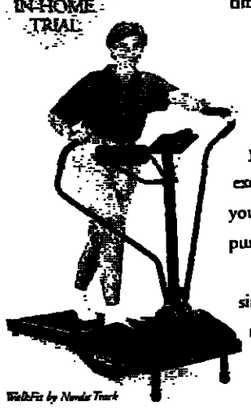
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NEWS

Farmers to defy veal blockade

■ Farmers went on the offensive yesterday, saying that they were determined to continue exporting livestock to the Continent and would not be deterred by the possibility of violence from animal rights groups.

As the courts paved the way for legal actions and damages claims against port and airport authorities, farmers leaders said that they would not allow "a tiny minority of boot boys in balaclavas" to stand in their way **Pages 1, 5**

Cathedral to stage protester's funeral

■ The funeral of Jill Phipps, the veal protester who died last week, is to take place at Coventry Cathedral. The service in one of the most important post-war ecclesiastical buildings in Britain aroused fears that it will elevate Miss Phipps, 31, to the status of animal welfare martyr **Pages 1,5**

Tory staff to lose jobs

Up to a quarter of the staff at Conservative Central Office were told that they face redundancy because of the fall in financial support for the Tories..... **Page 1**

Shopping centre sale

The Church of England is to sell its most profitable commercial asset, the MetroCentre in Gateshead, in an attempt to ease financial difficulties **Page 4**

Russians take Grozny

Russia claimed that it had finally overwhelmed the Chechen defenders of Grozny, and predicted that the bulk of the army would soon be withdrawn.... **Pages 1, 11**

Wise faces jail

The England and Chelsea footballer Dennis Wise faces "a serious risk of custody" after being found guilty of assault and criminal damage. He will be sentenced next month **Page 6**

Shephard stands firm

Gillian Shephard brushed aside demands for more money for teachers as she suggested that schools and local authorities have up to £1.5 billion to meet their bills this year..... **Page 1**

Jobs for ministers

David Hunt, the Public Services Minister, told the Nolan inquiry into standards in public life that restricting former ministers' rights to take private-sector jobs might be illegal **Page 8**

Gallantry medal

A military medal "for conspicuous gallantry and great heroism" is to be open to all ranks in the armed services. The Conspicuous Gallantry Cross will replace three existing medals **Page 1**

Haw-Haw mercy plea

The Government was flooded with appeals for clemency when "Lord Haw-Haw" was about to be hanged in 1946, documents released by the Public Record Office show **Page 9**

'Dimwit' jibe to Blair

John Major branded Tony Blair a "dimwit" after the Labour leader pressed him to say whether he would join a European single currency if all the economic conditions were met..... **Page 2**

Balkan warning

The Balkans is "one spark away from a much wider war", according to the American Assistant Secretary of State..... **Page 10**

Treasure unearthed

A metal-detecting enthusiast has found an early 17th-century gold ring with a diamond-encrusted design and workmanship that suggest a royal link **Page 3**

Banking on the future

The European Monetary Institute is planning the most momentous peacetime change to Europe's economies since the end of the gold standard. George Brock reports..... **Page 10**

Stewart resigns over pickaxe claims

■ Allan Stewart resigned as Scottish Office Minister in one of the more bizarre departures of this Parliament. Mr Stewart, 52, MP for Eastwood, decided to quit after allegations that he brandished a pickaxe in a confrontation with anti-motorway campaigners. He said he would fight the "wild and inaccurate allegations" made by the demonstrators **Page 1**



SIMON WALKER

The actors Richard Wilson and Lenny Henry at the launch of Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Charity fund-raising events on March 17 will include Archbishop Tutu imitating a sheep and Rowan Atkinson skating with Jayne Torvill in *Torvill and Bean*

BUSINESS

Brewing: The Office of Fair Trading has upset the big brewers with another inquiry, this time into the different wholesale prices they charge their own and other pubs for beer **Page 25**

Drug wars: Glaxo, the drug company enmeshed in Britain's biggest takeover battle, has put out interim figures that confirm falling sales of its biggest money-spinner, the ulcer drug Zantac..... **Page 25**

Economy: Manufacturing output bounced back in December to produce a year-on-year increase of 5.3 per cent **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose by 10.7 points to 3072.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 79.1 to 79.0 after a fall from $1.5605 to $1.5570..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: England lost the final Test against Australia by 329 runs in Perth and the Ashes 3-1. Craig McDermott took six wickets for 38 and was named the player of the series..... **Page 48**

Football: Dennis Wise is to continue as captain of Chelsea. The club issued a statement of support after he was found guilty of assault and criminal damage..... **Page 48**

Rugby union: The Scottish Rugby Union is to review the number of matches to be played at Murrayfield next season because of the deteriorating pitch..... **Page 43**

Racing: If sportsmen can earn £1 million in clothing sponsorships, what price Master Oats, favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Grand National?..... **Page 42**

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Happy union: Why Stirling Cooper's invitation to Nicholas Knightly to design collections for its stores is good news for both **Page 15**

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Concrete countryside? Almost two million homes are due to be built in the South. What will this mean for the countryside?..... **Page 41**

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Cartoon kings: When ten million people watched Nick Park's Oscar-winning film *The Wrong Trousers* on BBC1, they proved that animation is taking off as never before. And Britain's prize-winning animators are leading the worldwide revolution **Page 37**

A servant returns: *The Servant* began life as a novel in 1948 and there was a 1950s stage version. Both were eclipsed by Joseph Losey's 1963 film, starring Dirk Bogarde. Now a Birmingham production brings *The Servant* back to the stage..... **Page 39**

Tasting fame: Peter Jackson, the New Zealand director of arguably the most tasteless films released in Britain, has produced a mainstream work of astonishing emotional resonance and complexity. *Heavenly Creatures* arrives in London this week..... **Page 37**

Paris art: Continental views of England dominate the two big winter art shows in Paris: André Derain and Kurt Schwitters **Page 38**

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Soggy market: The British love their potato crisps — but the manufacturers are having a hard time..... **Page 21**

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Preview: The gang wars fought over Leicester's hot dog business are dramatised in *Crime Story* (ITV, 9pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss watches British commandos in action in Norway but discovers that it is all a game..... **Page 47**

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Pirates of Peking

America's use of trade sanctions against Peking has not always been well-aimed: but it is time that Peking accepted that the laws which bind its partners in world trade apply to China too **Page 17**

Cuddly terrorism

As soon as one examines the logic behind the protests at Shoreham, it becomes clear that the new, "respectable" army of civil disobedients is being exploited by gangs intent on disruption..... **Page 17**

The Holy scaffolding

Critical repairs have just begun on the great dome of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, for the first time since 1866..... **Page 17**

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SIMON JENKINS

That millions should be diverted into the bank accounts of the executives of public utilities is indefensible and plain wrong **Page 16**

ALAN COREN

We all have our Adlestrops. We all have stopped unwontedly in some spot remarkable for nothing but a fortuitous concatenation of affective odds and sods which subsequently made it unforgettable: Benton, Illinois, is mine..... **Page 16**

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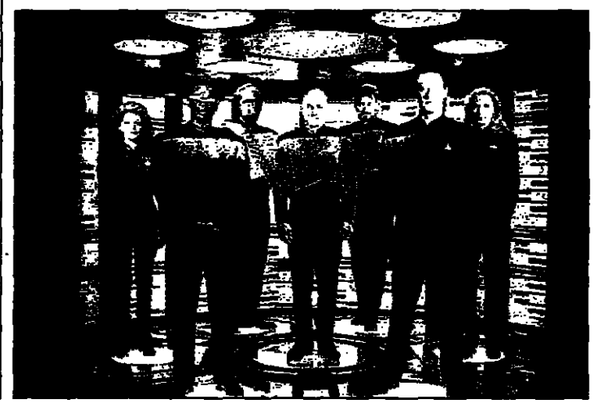
Professor J.S. de Wet, former Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics, Balliol College, Oxford; **The Very Rev Professor Robert Craig**, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; **Ferruccio Tagliavini**, Italian lyric tenor..... **Page 19**

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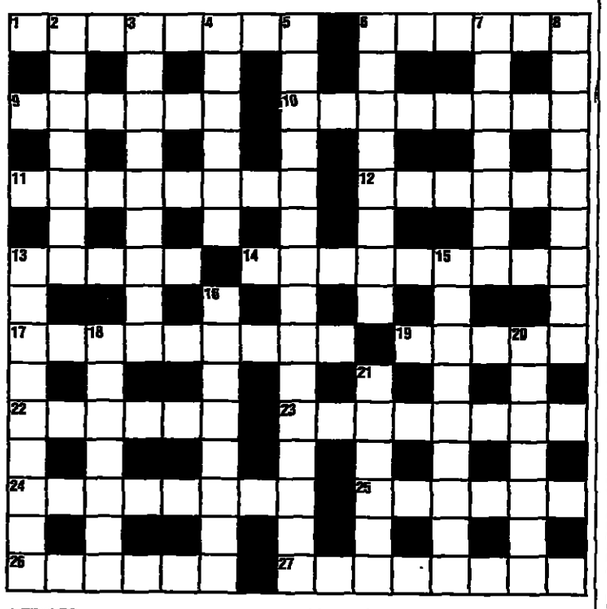
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Geoff Brown on positively the last appearance of Captain Kirk in *Star Trek: Generations*

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☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain, sleet on higher ground, becoming drier with more broken cloud. Winds becoming northeasterly moderate. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle. Winds mainly light becoming generally northeasterly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloudy with a few showers, snow over higher ground. Wind easterly fresh. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** clear spells with showers. Wind moderate to fresh northeasterly. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland:** clear spells, a few showers, snow on higher ground. Wind light between north and east. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** showers of snow or hail. Winds fresh to strong northwest. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Outlook:** colder, with showers in the North and rain in the South West.

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Aspatria	1.1	-	11	52	c
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Morecambe	0.4	-	10	50	c
Newcastle	3.7	-	13	55	c
Newquay	-	-	10	50	c
Nottingham	2.7	-	12	54	b
Oxford	1.6	-	11	52	b
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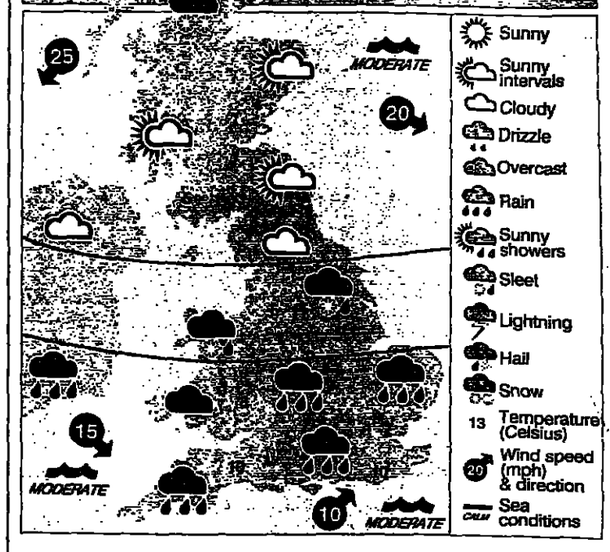
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ABROAD

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Akrotiri	13	55	f	Corfu	12	54	c	Malaga	19	66	s	Salzburg	13	55	c
Alex'dria	10	50	c	Dublin	9	48	c	Malta	17	63	s	S F'risco	13	55	f
Algiers	18	64	s	Dubrovnik	12	54	s	Melb'rne	20	68	s	Santiago	25	77	s
Amst'dm	9	48	c	Faro	19	66	f	Mexico C	17	63	f	S Paulo	19	66	d
Athens	11	52	s	Florence	10	50	c	Miami	18	64	s	Seoul	7	45	s
Bahrain	21	70	c	Frankfurt	9	48	c	Milan	13	55	s	Sing'por	29	84	t
Bangkok	28	82	s	Funchal	20	68	s	Montreal	-26	-15	s	St'kholm	-2	28	t
Barbados	29	84	s	Geneva	3	37	fg	Moscow	1	34	sn	Strasb'rg	12	54	s
Barcelona	14	57	s	Gibraltar	18	64	f	Munich	18	61	s	Sydney	19	66	d
Beirut	9	48	t	Helsinki	-4	25	s	Nairobi	30	86	t	Tangier	18	64	t
Belgrade	14	57	s	Hong K	18	64	s	Naples	15	59	s	Tel Aviv	10	50	r
Berlin	8	46	r	Innsbruck	9	48	s	N Delhi	21	70	s	Tenerife	20	68	s
Bermuda	17	63	r	Istanbul	7	45	f	N York	-8	16	c	Tokyo	9	48	t
Biarritz	12	54	s	Jeddah	24	75	s	Nice	11	52	c	Toronto	-17	1	f
Borde'x	7	45	c	Jo'burg	29	84	f	Oslo	2	36	s	Tunis	18	64	f
Brussels	9	48	c	L Palmas	23	73	s	Paris	7	45	c	Valencia	20	68	s
Budapst	12	54	s	Le Tquet	9	48	t	Peking	14	57	s	Vanc'ver	8	46	c
B Aires	29	84	s	Lisbon	17	63	f	Perth	35	95	s	Venice	4	39	fg
Cairo	14	57	f	Locarno	12	54	s	Prague	6	46	f	Vienna	14	57	s
Cape Tn	24	75	f	L Angels	13	55	s	Reykjavik	-9	16	s	Warsaw	8	46	c
Chicago	-9	16	s	Luxembg	5	41	c	Rhodes	11	52	f	Wash'ton	-6	21	f
Ch'church	19	66	c	Luxor	19	66	s	Rio de J	23	73	f	Wel'ngton	21	70	c
Cologne	8	46	d	Madrid	6	43	fg	Riyadh	21	70	f	Zurich	12	54	s

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

WEATHER TODAY



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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
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Aberdeen	6:57	3.51	7:27	3.50	Liverpool	4:27	7.30	5:00	7.13
Avonmouth	–	–	0:21	10.28	Lowestoft	2:37	2.20	3.43	2.04
Belfast	4:50	2.96	5.20	2.92	Margate	5:15	4.02	5:57	3.81
Cardiff	–	–	0:19	9.29	Milford Haven	11:48	5.32	–	–
Devonport	10:41	4.39	11:14	4.32	Newquay	10:57	4.98	11:35	4.88
Dover	4:21	5.50	5:03	5.16	Oban	11:11	2.93	11.13	2.88
Dublin	5:37	3.33	6:08	3.32	Penzance	10:20	4.28	11:03	4.15
Falmouth	11:04	3.98	11:42	4.02	Portland	11:22	1.37	11:53	1.35
Glasgow	6:03	4.01	6.24	3.76	Portsmouth	4:32	4.02	5:01	3.73
Harwich	4:58	3.33	5:30	3.14	Shoreham	4:24	4.98	5:09	4.73
Holyhead	3:46	4.41	4:20	4.37	Southampton	4:05	3.85	4.38	3.65
Hull	11:41	5.86	–	–	Swansea	11:49	7.21	–	–
Ilfracombe	11.20	6.90	11:48	6.66	Tees	9:41	4.13	10:03	4.14
King's Lynn	–	–	0.33	4.77	W'ton-on-Nze	4:51	3.41	5.30	3.25

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Warburg loses two top men to Morgan Grenfell

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

THE crisis at SG Warburg, the City investment bank, has deepened as two of its most senior corporate financiers have defected to Morgan Grenfell, where they will build a new equities distribution business.

Maurice Thompson and Michael Cohrs, Warburg's joint heads of equity capital markets at Warburg, are to join the investment banking operation being set up by Morgan Grenfell and its parent Deutsche Bank in London. Morgan Grenfell would not comment on the value of their pay and bonus packages, but they were rumoured to be worth several million pounds each.

Their decision to abandon the Warburg ship was described by one rival investment banker as "a significant body blow for Warburg".

Mike Dobson, Morgan Grenfell's chief executive, who will run the combined investment banking group, confirmed last night that Mr Thompson and Mr Cohrs will join as corporate finance directors. He said: "We said in 1994 that we planned to build an integrated investment banking organisation from our base in London. Key to that is the development of a leading equity origination business. I am therefore delighted to welcome two such experienced and successful practitioners to help us achieve this."

Deutsche Bank announced its intention to compete head-on with the global integrated investment banks such as Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley in October last year when it decided to pull together its worldwide investment banking businesses in a new London base, run by Morgan Grenfell, the UK merchant bank it bought in 1989. However, in order to do so it needs to build up an equities business in London and strengthen its operation in the US.

Morgan Grenfell pulled out of securities in 1988, concentrating instead on corporate advisory work, asset management and emerging markets. The new operation has not yet been given a name. The process of integration and creation of an equities distribution capability in London is expected to take between three and five years.

Warburg refused to comment on the departures. A replacement is expected to be announced today.

Since the collapse of merger talks with Morgan Stanley in December Warburg has been seen to be in an increasingly precarious position. Over the past weeks it has been rumoured to be a takeover target for another US or European investment bank. There has also been speculation that Morgan Stanley might launch another takeover bid.

Other departures from Warburg include Peter Bass, former joint head of the fixed interest and treasury division and a main board director, who resigned at the end of last month after rejecting a job offered to him in the US.

The division ran up losses last year, and a review of its operations at the end of last year led to the decision to pull out of eurobonds, a market created by its founder, Peter Twachtmann, who ran the division with Mr Bass, left when the review was set up under the new head of the division, David Burnett, in December.

Rumbelows to close with loss of 3,000 jobs

By Susan Gilchrist

THORN EMI is to close its Rumbelows high street chain with the loss of nearly 3,000 jobs as the group pulls out of the fiercely competitive electrical retailing market.

The group plans to shut down its 285 Rumbelows stores and 36 FONA outlets, a TV and hi-fi rental business in north east England, by the end of April. The 2,900 jobs will go by June 30.

The news was broken to staff at a series of meetings with managers before the stores opened yesterday. Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn's chairman, said he deeply regretted the job losses but believes the decision to close the chain was unavoidable.

Rumbelows has not made a profit since the mid-1980s and continues to make heavy losses despite attempts to turn it round. "We just decided enough is enough," Sir Colin said. Rumbelows has made losses of £12 million in the past two years and is on track to lose a similar amount in the current year in spite of an underlying increase in sales.

Sir Colin said the chain had suffered because it was a small player in a highly competitive market. As a primarily high street operator, it has also fallen victim to the growing number of out-of-town superstores that sell a wider range of electrical goods.

The group failed to find any potential buyers for the stores which would have kept them open. "The other players all have their own problems. Why would they want to add ours?" Sir Colin said.

The £11 billion electrical retailing sector has generated a steady stream of bad news in recent months. Last year Amstrad pulled out of the market after a continued squeeze on margins.

In January Kingfisher disclosed that its Comet chain had seen a near-11 per cent fall in like-for-like sales in the 23 weeks to January 7 and would make a loss for the full year.

The decision to pull the plug on Rumbelows will wipe £132 million off Thorn's full-year profits. The costs comprise £56.7 million of property and asset write-offs, £34.3 million of redundancy costs and £16.0 million goodwill write-back. This comes on top of the £20 million invested in Rumbelows and FONA since 1992.

Sir Colin acknowledged it was a large one-off hit, but said the cash impact was only £30 million and it would not constrain Thorn's ability to expand its other operations. The closure will also generate an extra £15 million operating profit next year.

Thorn reported a sharp jump in pre-tax profits to £343.7 million from £246.9 million in the nine months to December 31. Sir Colin said progress had been made across the board with all businesses increasing margins and volumes.

The music division lifted operating profits by 19 per cent, boosted by strong sales of The Beatles' *Live at the BBC* and Garth Brooks' *The Hits* albums, which sold almost 10 million copies between them.

Profits from rental operations were ahead 12 per cent. The US and Europe businesses showed continued growth while the UK rental base, which has been in decline in recent years, showed a 2 per cent increase. HMV more than doubled profits.

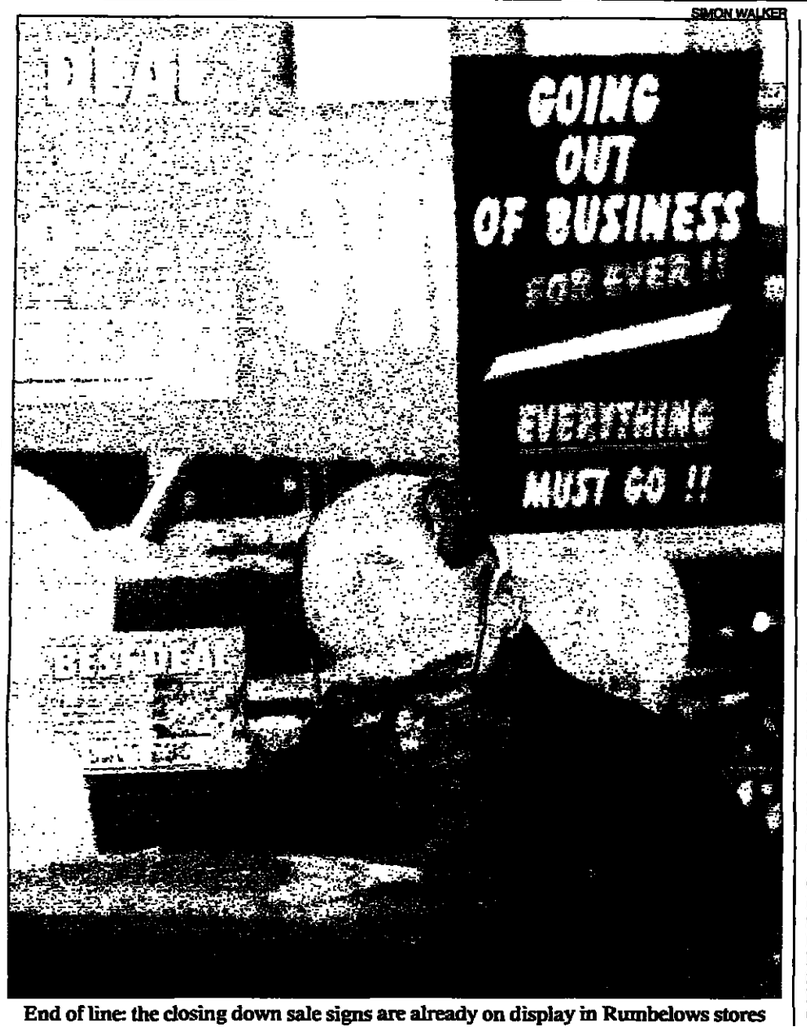
The group is still negotiating with Racal Electronics on the sale of its sensors business and hopes to agree a deal within the next few months. Sir Colin said there were only two minor businesses left to sell. Thorn shares fell 12p to 1037p.



Sir Colin: deep regrets

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SIMON WALKER



End of line: the closing down sale signs are already on display in Rumbelows stores

C&G fight goes to Treasury

By Robert Miller

THE campaign to win widows of C&G savers a share in the Lloyds Bank £1.8 billion bonus will be taken to the Treasury today when Douglas French, the Conservative MP, meets Anthony Nelson, Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

Mr French said last night that he will press the minister for an assurance that should his Private Members Bill, aimed at giving 5,000 C&G widows a chance to share in a special £10 million fund, be "shouted down" again then the Government "will give urgent consideration to taking the Bill onto its own agenda".

Mr French's Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill, which had cross-party support, was "shouted down" by Labour MPs last Friday, angry that a Bill aimed at preventing the export of live animals was "talked out" by two Conservative members.

The chances of Mr French's Bill being rushed through this Friday are remote. The Disabled Persons Bill is due to be debated earlier in the day.

Alistair Darling, Labour's City spokesman, wrote to Mr Nelson on Monday to suggest that the Government put the Bill through in its own time. He promised Mr Nelson "our full and unqualified support". He said: "The ball is now in the Government's court."

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3072.7	(+10.7)
Yield	4.24%	
FT-SE A All share	1513.05	(+4.84)
Nikkei	18500.55	(–166.68)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3927.30	(–10.43)*
S&P Composite	479.76	(–1.38)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 15/16%	(5 5/16%)
Long Bond	99 1/32	(99 1/32)
Yield	7.62%*	(7.64%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 5/16%	(6 1/16%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	102 16	(101 27/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5570*	(1.5600)
London:		
$	1.5577	(1.5601)
DM	2.3934	(2.3981)
FFr	8.2730	(8.2740)
SFr	2.0267	(2.0199)
Yen	154.84	(154.92)
£ Index	79.0	(79.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5360*	(1.5314)
FFr	5.3155*	(5.3005)
SFr	1.3013*	(1.2948)
Yen	99.41*	(99.45)
$ Index	82.8	(82.8)

Tokyo close Yen 99.20

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Apr)	$16.65	($16.75)

GOLD

London close	$374.85	($374.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Bank overhaul

The National Westminster Bank is to overhaul the management of its UK branches, and cut the number of regional boards for retail banking from 18 to ten. The bank has already said it is planning to cut jobs this year — it is thought to be considering a similar number to last year's 4,000. Page 26

In the post

Customers of Britain's 20,000 post offices may soon be able to insure their cars while nipping in to pick up a book of stamps. A pilot scheme is expected to start towards the end of the year. Page 27

Brewing shares fall as OFT starts new inquiry

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THE Office of Fair Trading has thrown a spanner into the big brewers' works with yet another inquiry into their dealings, this time into the different wholesale prices they charge their pubs and other companies' pubs for beer.

Brewers such as Courage, Whitbread, Carlsberg-Tetley and Bass own chains of tied pubs to which they supply beer at prices they set.

In recent years, amid overcapacity in brewing, they have had to grant huge discounts to independent pub owners to persuade them to take their product, to the extent that a gulf has opened between these discounted prices and the deals on offer to the brewers' own tied pubs.

This matter is now to be examined by the OFT to see whether it reduces competition in the pub trade, and the result may be a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The brewing industry has been plagued by such inquiries in recent years, most notably that leading to the 1989 Beer Orders, supposed to form a framework for the relationship between brewers and their tied estates.

Yesterday's news sparked a fall in the share prices of big brewers. Bass plunged 20p to 520p, Whitbread 28p to 536p and Allied Domecq, joint owner of Carlsberg-Tetley with the Danes, 5p to 515p.

The shares of other brewers and pub operators also fell, reflecting the general uncertainty in the sector.

One victim affected rather more drastically was Century Inns, a pub company that had hoped to set the exact price of its £60 million stock market flotation today. The float has had to be postponed as a result of the OFT bombshell, even though the inquiry does not affect the company directly. "We got caught in the sidewash, and it didn't seem sensible to proceed, given all the uncertainty," said a source close to the company.

The expected market debuts of a clutch of other small pub operators later this year are likely to be similarly derailed, even though none of the companies has formally announced an intention to float.

The OFT said that it expects its inquiry to take about three months. It will then be up to Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of Fair Trading, to decide what to do. The matter was referred to the OFT by the European Commission.

As well as a formal and time-consuming reference to the MMC, Sir Bryan, if he finds current arrangements detrimental to the public interest, can require the brewers to give enforceable undertakings to change their ways.

The EC had been looking at the 20-year agreement governing licensees of Inntrepreneur Estates, the pub operator jointly owned by Courage and Grand Metropolitan, to see whether it contravened the Treaty of Rome.

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Glaxo admits sales of most successful drug are slipping

By Our Deputy City Editor

GLAXO, the drug company enmeshed in Britain's biggest takeover battle, has rushed out interim figures that confirm falling sales of its biggest money-spinner, the ulcer drug Zantac.

The group reported pre-tax profits for the first half to December 31 that advanced by 10 per cent to £1.097 billion. The figures spurred a 12p decline in Glaxo's share price to 649p and critical comment from Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals group for which Glaxo is bidding £9.5 billion.

The issue of Glaxo's formal offer document yesterday starts the takeover clock ticking, and the Wellcome management has 21 days to find a counterbidder, under conditions set by the Wellcome Trust, the charity that owns 40 per cent of Wellcome. The trust has said that it will accept the Glaxo offer if no improved deal can be found.

John Robb, chairman and chief executive of Wellcome, said: "Glaxo's interim results show little improvement in sales or earnings per share and highlight its desire to acquire a company with a record of strong growth."

Sales across the Glaxo group were largely static at £2.85 billion, and earnings per share advanced from 23.4p to 24.3p. The interim dividend is raised by 1p to 10p.

Sales of Zantac fell by 4 per cent, affected by discounting in America. Sir Richard Sykes, deputy chairman and chief executive, conceded: "Zantac continues to decline slowly in the world market."

If Glaxo's bid is successful, debts at the combined group would rise to more than £3 billion. Although the company insists interest cover would remain low, the formal offer document makes clear the strain on finances.

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Manufacturing rebounds

By Colin Narbrough

MANUFACTURING output bounced back in December from an unexpectedly weak November to produce a year-on-year increase of 5.3 per cent, according to Government figures issued yesterday.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said the data showed that growth had been sustained "very strongly" in the final quarter of last year, justifying last Thursday's half-point base-rate rise. Mr Clarke said his latest monetary tightening was part of a policy to ensure that "growth was sustained without inflation coming back to disturb it".

City economists said the data indicated the pace of growth in manufacturing was on a decelerating trend. The Treasury said output had now slowed to a "more sustainable rate".

The seasonally adjusted figures showed a 0.5 per cent rise in manufacturing output in December, after a revised 0.6 per cent fall in November. Over the final quarter, it rose 0.7 per cent for a year-on-year rise of 5.2 per cent.

The rebound in manufacturing combined with a surge in oil output from an exceptionally weak November to lift overall industrial production 0.8 per cent in December, after a 1.4 per cent fall in November. This boosted the year-on-year rise to 5.3 per cent from 4 per cent the previous month.

In the final quarter, the year-on-year rise was 5 per cent for industrial production and 5.2 per cent for manufacturing. For the whole of 1994, the extractive industries, including oil and gas, raised output 18.8 per cent.

☐ The Clinton Administration expects short-term rates to fall by about half a point by early 1996, Laura Tyson, White House chief economist, said yesterday. US rates were raised half a point last week.

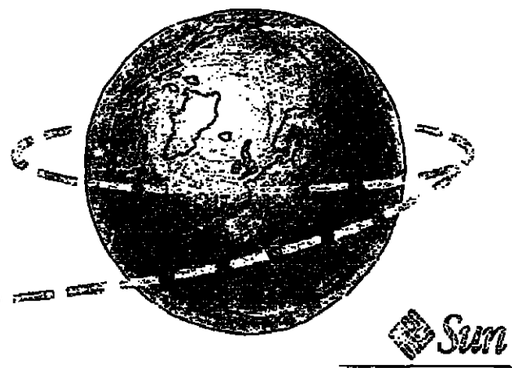
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Jobs to be axed as NatWest shakes up branch banking

PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE National Westminster Bank is to overhaul its UK branch banking operations, focusing on six new business units and slimming down its head office functions.

The restructuring will mean job losses as the number of regional boards for retail banking is cut from 18 to ten and head office jobs are moved out into the new business units. The bank has already said it is planning to cut jobs this year — it is thought to be considering a similar number to last year's 4,000.

A spokesman said the bank hopes the new structure will be in place within the next three or four months. The move is aimed at creating "a slimmer, leaner, more policy-focused head office".

NatWest will divide its branch banking division into six units, each concentrating on a specific business area in which the bank hopes to achieve "a major presence". The managing directors of the new units will report to Martin Gray, chief executive of NatWest UK, who is spearheading the restructuring.

Instead of the present 18 regional offices, there will be ten new retail bank regions looking after personal and small business customers and reporting to Tony Warren, formerly chief operating officer of NatWest Bancorp, the US subsidiary. Two of London's five regions will go.

Six new corporate banking regions, handling medium and large business accounts, will report to Tony Shaw, former director of credit management.

The bank is also creating four new product units, through which it hopes to increase accountability and concentrate attention on businesses where it intends to build up market share.

Five hundred mortgage sales staff will join a new mortgage services unit, headed by George Wise, former customer services director.

NatWest Life, which has a salesforce of 1,500, selling life assurance and savings products, will become a new life and investment services unit, headed by its current chief executive, Lawrence Churchill.

A new general insurance unit will replace NatWest Insurance Services, headed by Steve Wells, its managing director. Patrick Boylan, Midland Bank's general manager of retail banking, joins NatWest on March 1 to head a new cards unit, bringing together credit and debit card services and activities.

Head office will be made up of slimmed-down marketing and communications, human resources, finance, compliance, credit management and strategy departments. They will provide core support services to the regions and overall policy direction.

JAMES MORGAN



Prospering in a difficult market: John Hall, managing director of Brewin Dolphin, yesterday

Brewin Dolphin profits leap 27%

BREWIN DOLPHIN, the newly floated fund manager and stockbroker, managed a 27 per cent surge in pre-tax profits to £4 million in the year to December 9, in spite of difficult market conditions (Patricia Tehan writes). Total income was 11 per cent higher at £29.3 million. After the flotation, earnings per share were diluted to 13.2p against 17.4p in 1993. In line with the interim statement, there is a total dividend of 6p with the final of 4p due on April 6.

The FT-SE 100 index has fallen by 13 per cent since December 1993, which affected the firm's advisory and discretionary income.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lorry registrations keep accelerating

REGISTRATIONS of new lorries continued to recover strongly in January, rising 63.7 per cent over the same period a year ago. British-built lorries maintained a 39.6 per cent share of registrations, at 1,666 of the 4,203 vehicles registered. The figures appear to confirm a recovery by manufacturing industry.

However, sales of vans, which are popular with service industries, grew much more slowly. Registrations of medium-weight vans, with a payload of 1.8 to 3.5 tonnes, rose by 21.1 per cent to 8,841, whereas light van registrations rose by just 12.4 per cent to 6,867. New buses and coaches doubled, to 344, but registrations of British-built public service vehicles rose by just 11 to 137 and imports increased from 43 in January 1994 to 207 this January. Leyland DAF trucks, the Anglo-Dutch federation of companies, took first place, registering 866 vehicles, and Mercedes Benz of Germany was second, with 795.

SBC's Northern move

NORTHERN ELECTRIC yesterday learned that Swiss Bank Corporation (SBC), which is advising Trafalgar House on its £1.2 billion offer for the company, has bought more Northern shares. SBC now owns 5.2 million shares, 4.7 per cent of the company. The reply to the last Section 212 notice, on February 1, disclosed that it held about 100,000 fewer. "We feel that 4.7 per cent is a large amount and shareholders should know about it," a Northern spokesman said. The shares are held by SBC's market-makers. The corporate finance side, which is advising Trafalgar, says that it has no idea of the market-makers' intentions.

HTR launches trust

HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT printed 400,000 *mini* prospectuses to mark the launch yesterday of its HTR Income & Growth Split Capital investment trust. The trust will have two classes of share, Income Ordinary and Zero Dividend Preference, each with an issue price of 100p. Investors will be able to shelter the shares within the tax-free environment of a personal equity plan in this tax year and in the one starting on April 6. HTR's Income shares will be looking for an initial gross starting yield of 7.5 per cent; the others will aim for an annual compound fixed capital growth rate of 9.5 per cent. The offer closes on March 8.

Angerstein dividend

ANGERSTEIN UNDERWRITING TRUST, one of the raft of investment vehicles that was created in 1993 to provide corporate capital to the Lloyd's insurance market, generated net pre-tax revenue of £1.2 million in the six months to November 30. Earnings were 1.39p per share. Angerstein is paying an interim dividend of 0.80p per share, making a total for the 12 months, following the offer for sale, of 2p a share. Net asset value per share increased marginally over the period from 90.28p to 90.31p. The overall capacity for 1995 has increased slightly from £112.8 million to £114.05 million.

WMI advances 9.5%

WASTE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL, the overseas arm of the American WMX Technologies that is listed in London, lifted pre-tax profits by 9.5 per cent to £165.2 million in the year to December 31. A mixed performance in 1994 saw revenues advance 18.5 per cent to £1.16 billion. Earnings rose 4.9 per cent to 27.8p a share, compared with 26.5p. The company said its performance in the current year will depend on resolving difficulties in countries including Italy, Germany and France. WMI's UK businesses performed satisfactorily.

BR strives to cement a deal

BRITISH RAIL'S plans to sell its 30 industrial subsidiaries suffered a setback yesterday when it announced that it had been unable to find a buyer for its Taunton concrete works (Jonathan Prynn writes).

The works, which have incurred heavy losses in recent years and employed 35 people, will be shut down in six months time. Dating back to the late 19th century heyday of the Great Western Railway, the works were BR's last in-house manufacturer of concrete sleepers.

Last year, BR's architectural and design unit was closed when no private sector sale could be agreed.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.02
Austria Sch	17.76	16.28
Belgium Fr	52.04	47.74
Canada $	2.282	2.122
Cyprus CypE	0.776	0.721
Denmark Kr	10.00	9.20
Finland Mkk	7.93	7.28
France Fr	8.70	8.05
Germany Dm	2.54	2.33
Greece Dr	393.00	368.00
Hong Kong $	12.70	11.70
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2615.00	2420.00
Japan Yen	169.00	153.00
Malta	0.614	0.559
Netherlds Gld	2.824	2.594
Norway Kr	11.03	10.23
Portugal Esc	257.00	238.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.29
Spain Pta	213.50	199.50
Sweden Kr	12.21	11.41
Switzerland Fr	2.15	1.97
Turkey Lira	refer	61634.0
USA $	1.557	1.527

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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☐ OFT serves up more uncertainty ☐ Cheap Wellcome for Glaxo ☐ Slowing down gracefully

Another round of beer orders

☐ THE air must have turned blue in the head offices of the brewers and pub operators after yet another sudden eruption of the Office of Fair Trading onto the already over-examined beer trade. The choicest oaths came from poor old Century Inns, which can hardly have expected quite such a sudden derailment on the track towards a quote.

Also severely disadvantaged are the likes of Pubmaster, Enterprise Inns, Magic Pub Company and, yes, even uncle Tom Cobbleigh and all, the latter being only the most curiously-named of the pub operators who are now probable unfloatable until the OFT has ruled. This is ironic given that this new breed of pubco owes its very existence to the 1989 Beer Orders, which freed thousands of the country's pubs from the tie to be bought up by the independents.

The roll of victims should not close without mention of Courage. It was complaints to the European Commission by the tenants tied to the Innntrepreneur Estate, supplied by Courage until March 1998, that sparked off yesterday's announcement. The EC took the view that the great British pub was such a peculiarly, well, British institution that the Eurocrats had not a hope of comprehending it and passed the parcel to the OFT.

What price now, in all the uncertainty, the much-forecast sale of Courage by Foster's, its Australian parent, to Whitbread and Scottish & Newcastle? Rather less than the £500 million bruited around earlier this year, and the OFT's intervention has probably scotched the deal entirely for now. Further questions should be directed to Foster's, conveniently announcing interims on Monday.

After all the acres of print and the years of valuable time expended by the OFT, the MMC and other interested bodies on examining the brewing and pub sectors, you will still pay up to two quid for a decent pint anywhere in central London. There is little likelihood that the latest probe will change this sad state of affairs.

The 1989 Beer Orders were intended by their very nature to rule once and for all on the relationship between the brewers and their tied estates. But in the event the Government only went half way, reducing the size of the tie rather than abolishing it outright.

Since then, various new and interconnected factors have intervened: in no particular order, the fall in beer consumption, the cross-Channel booze cruise, the emergence of the small pubcos and the size of the discounts they have been able to wrest from the brewers. The inquiry is to look only at the relationship between the "larger" brewers and their tenants, but these things have a habit of spreading, and indeed this one probably should, to take in the regional companies as well. The brewing industry, not in the best of health, is set for yet more uncertainty. Thanks, Sir Bryan, and cheers — but this round is definitely on you.



Alternative medicine elusive

☐ NOW that both sides in Glaxo's bid for Wellcome have shown their hands, it looks increasingly like Glaxo is poised to pick up its chosen drugs company on the cheap.

Admittedly, it is difficult to think of anything that costs £9.1 billion as cheap, particularly when Glaxo is offering a 52 per cent premium to Wellcome's market price before the bid. But buried in the group's offer document is a pro-forma income statement that suggests that the group is not being as profligate as it might appear.

The figures show that Glaxo can take on Wellcome, issuing all the necessary shares and taking on £6.3 billion of borrowings, without suffering any earnings dilution. In other words, it intends to keep all the rationalisation benefits and future growth for its own investors, leaving Wellcome's shareholders in the cold. Admittedly, Glaxo is taking on 300 per cent gearing to buy Wellcome, but even this is not as onerous as it sounds. After the deal, the group should still be generating interest cover of more than seven times, which is considerably higher than many industrial companies that do not have a multi-billion pound deal to their name.

Glaxo's interim figures show why the group is so keen to wrap this deal up. Not only is it suffering falling sales from Zantac, its ageing golden goose, but the growth of some of its newer drugs such as Zofran, an anti-emetic, has also gone into reverse. That does not compare at all well to the solid growth that Zovirax, Wellcome's principal earner, continues to generate.

The figures do not say much for the negotiating skill of Wellcome Trust or its advisers. They have sold out too hastily and too cheaply and given John Robb, Wellcome's chairman, little time to find a better offer. Mr Robb's greatest handicap is that Wellcome is worth more to Glaxo than any of its rivals because no other drugs company could generate the same rationalisation benefits. The market does not believe that Mr Robb stands much of a chance since Wellcome's shares stand at 16p below the offer price. But three weeks is a long time in the City, and Mr Robb has the hard data to tempt counter-bidders.

Managing a dull economy

☐ CITY economists see the latest industrial output figures as evidence of the economy slowing down. Manufacturing, the least volatile element, rose 0.7 per cent between the third and fourth quarters, after three quarterly gains of more than 1 per cent. Output of intermediate goods, which peaked early in the last cycle, is already stagnant.

These figures confirm and emphasise the early estimate for gross domestic product, which showed a 0.8 per cent fourth-quarter rise. Both imply growth is falling from 4 per cent last year to nearer 3 per cent in 1995.

In terms of economic management, a gentle slowing is good news. It implies that interest rates will not have to go up much more to ensure that the growth is not unsustainably fast and therefore inflationary. If economic management works, modest growth can continue indefinitely. Do not bet on that yet. The Bank of England has a stern brief in its drawer suggesting that the underlying long-term growth rate is only about 2 per cent. Today's Bank *Inflation Report* should take a relaxed view but if the financial markets smell inflation, the Bank will not hesitate to press for further restraint.

In terms of the nation's prosperity, sustainable growth at 2 to 3 per cent is, in any case, nothing to get excited about. The only realistic way to raise the underlying growth rate, as the CBI manufacturing council report argues, is to improve the performance of industry and services in innovation and exports. Efforts to meet that challenge are way behind the simpler craft of economic management.

Queuing for life

☐ SUN Alliance is anxious that the insurance products it plans to sell through thousands of post offices in its new tie-up should not require detailed knowledge or "impossible standards of training" for post office staff. According to Sun Alliance, candidates for over-the-counter sales include investment bonds, single premium life assurance products and pure life protection policies. *Plus ça change.*

£5m a week operating profits at BSkyB

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BRITISH Sky Broadcasting, the satellite television company floated on the stock market in December, is currently making operating profits of more than £5 million a week, the company has said in an upbeat interim financial report.

In its first set of halfway figures since the flotation BSkyB has reported pre-tax profits that advanced from £37.8 million to £55 million in the half year to December 31. The figures came in at the top end of City forecasts, sparking a 3½p rise in the share price to 267½p.

Earnings per share rose from 2.8p to 3.3p. As suggested at the time of the float, there is no interim dividend, but the company expects to make a final payment for this year.

The flotation reduced the shareholding of News International, the owner of *The Times*, to 40 per cent. The proceeds of the sale, however, halved its debt of £1.8 billion. As a result the first-half pre-tax figure was struck after £30.2 million of interest payments that will not recur in the second half.

BSkyB said that the second half would see further falls in borrowings, now standing at just over £900 million, through cash flow. Richard Brooke, chief financial officer, said: "We won't see obviously massive debt reductions, as we saw in the first half from the results of the flotation."

As well as News International's stake, Chargeurs of France owns 17 per cent, Pearson, the conglomerate that owns the *Financial Times*, 13 per cent and Granada Group 10 per cent.

First-half operating profits, ahead of the interest charge, stood at £111 million before the flotation costs of £8.2 million, representing an underlying 63 per cent increase.

Sam Chisholm, chief executive and managing director, said: "By any standards this is an excellent result. In every area of operation the company has performed strongly."

Total paying subscribers grew year-on-year from 3.48 million to 3.96 million, and there were now more than four million homes that could receive the Sky channels, the company said. Most viewers subscribed through direct-to-home (DTH) satellite receivers, and strong high street sales of dishes helped to contribute to an 180,000 net increase in subscribers through that method.

All three main revenue categories showed increases, with DTH subscription revenue up 53 per cent, cable revenue up 72 per cent and advertising sales revenue up 12 per cent.

A £30 million rise in the level of pre-payments for television programming held back the increase in net cash inflow, but BSkyB said that was not expected to recur in the second half.



JAMES MORGAN

Bill Fairservice, the chairman of Zotefoams, yesterday with a hockey protector, a rucksack and a sleeping mat, all made with the company's foam

Zotefoams is heading for market

ZOTEFOAMS, a foam producer formed in a management buyout from BP in 1992, is coming to market via a placing sponsored by NatWest Markets Corporate Finance, with Cazenove as broker. Zotefoams is estimated to have about 85 per cent of the UK market for cross-linked polyethylene block foam, and 55 per cent of the market on the Continent. The final prospectus is expected this month.

Zotefoams made pre-tax profit of £4.6 million (£2.8 million) in the year to December 31. Non-executive directors include Roger Lawson, a director of 3i and president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

☐ Beales, the department store group based in Bournemouth, is to seek a stock exchange listing in March. The operator of six department stores hopes to float its holding company, JEB, via an introduction sponsored by Singer & Friedlander. Beeson Gregory is broker to the issue.

☐ Inkhold, one of the UK's biggest national distribution and logistics businesses, has been bought for £78 million in a management and employee buyout led by 3i. A flotation is planned in two to three years.

Full listing sought by Shani Group

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SHANI GROUP, the USM-quoted women's and children's wear manufacturer, unveiled plans to seek a full listing on the Official List in March as it reported pre-tax profits of £3.51 million for the 15 months to October 31.

The extended reporting period was due to the group's change of year-end from July to October.

Peter Emanuel, finance director, said sales and profits had risen by about 5 per cent in the 12 months to October 31, compared with the previous year.

He attributed the rise to a strong final quarter, particularly in the coats division, which supplies retailers such as Harrod's, Dickins & Jones and Selfridges.

A final dividend of 4.2p (3.5p) brings the total payout to 7.2p (5.3p) on April 7.

Current trading has started well and the group believes it is well placed to benefit from the move by retailers towards a smaller number of more efficient suppliers.

Progress was also made in the separates division, where intense competition has put margins under pressure.

Mr Emanuel said that sales had increased although prices on commodity lines were the same or even lower than they had been last year.

Golden result for Harry Ramsden

HARRY RAMSDEN'S, Britain's only quoted fish and chip shop group, accompanied another advance in profits with plans to expand in the United Kingdom and to offer "a little piece of England" to more customers overseas.

The Yorkshire-based group, which was founded in 1928, served up a 16.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £950,957 in the year to October 2, as new restaurant openings helped turnover to grow 8.9 per cent to £3.58 million.

The group now has 13 Harry Ramsden's restaurants, with 11 in the UK after opening outlets in Bristol, Liverpool and Nottingham during the year, as well as restaurants in Hong Kong and Dublin.

Harry Ramsden's Hong Kong operation has taken away business from the locals, providing them with fish and chips as well as British breakfasts and "fish and rice" to cater for local Chinese tastes. The company also has a restaurant in Dublin, which was opened by Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland football manager, who has a 10 per cent stake in the venture.

John Barnes, chairman and managing director, said the company aims to attract locals and expatriates when its first Australian restaurant opens in Melbourne later this month, followed by venues in Singapore and Jedda, Saudi Arabia.

Earnings rose 13.8 per cent to 8.2p (7.2p) a share. The total dividend is maintained at 4.5p, with an unchanged final of 3.5p, payable on March 2. The company also plans to move from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing.

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Deadline in Maxwell talks near

BY JON ASHWORTH

MAXWELL pensioners will learn on Friday whether last-ditch talks over a near-£300 million global settlement have succeeded. Sir John Cuckney, mediator in discussions between Maxwell pension funds and City institutions, is understood to have set a Thursday evening deadline.

Failure to reach agreement is expected to lead to multimillion-pound bilateral agreements and lengthy litigation against other parties. Sir John is rumoured to be negotiating with half a dozen institutions.

Separately, administrators to Maxwell private companies have achieved a token £10 million payout for pensioners. The AGB group of companies has agreed to pay this to settle claims against them as former employers.

Post offices to sell insurance policies for Sun Alliance

BY LIZ DOLAN

CUSTOMERS of Britain's 20,000 post offices may soon be able to insure their cars while nipping in to pick up a book of stamps.

In a week when 100 post offices in the North West and South East start selling General Accident travel policies for a trial period, Britain's biggest retail chain has unveiled plans to sell a range of insurance policies in partnership with Sun Alliance.

Post Office Counters expects to launch a pilot scheme involving "one, possibly two" Sun Alliance policies, towards the end of this year. The type of products to be offered is still under discussion but, initially at least, post office staff will not be expected to sell complicated plans requiring detailed knowledge.

According to Sun Alliance, investment bonds, single premium products, pure life protection policies, plus non-life products such as motor and household insurance, are all under consideration.

Pensions have definitely been ruled out.

"We are particularly interested in areas that will not require impossible standards of training, at least at the beginning," Sun Alliance said. Post Office Counters offered the same access to a large number of branches as has been traditionally offered to insurers by building societies and banks, it added.

The move is the latest in a series of joint ventures between Post Office Counters and the private sector.

The first was a chain of bureaux de change, launched in partnership with the Bank of Ireland in May last year and currently operating in 4,000 of the 20,000 post offices and sub-post offices in the UK. Other private sector services available through post offices include National Lottery ticket sales, and a cash wiring service run by Western Union.

Sub-post offices in rural areas are expected to benefit from the new services. Post Office Counters said: "Any business that attracts new customers helps keep the chain secure. We're looking at anything that complements our existing services."

Girobank, set up by the old General Post Office in the 1960s, continues to conduct its face-to-face banking operations exclusively through post offices, despite its acquisition by the Alliance & Leicester Building Society in July, 1990.

Bryant surges 47% at halfway stage

NEWSTEAM



Andrew MacKenzie expects 3,700 completions this year

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

BRYANT GROUP provided mixed signals for the housing market as the Solihull housebuilder accompanied a 47 per cent surge in first-half profits with "concern about housebuyers' confidence as higher interest rates start to bite.

Margins continued to recover during the first half as a steady improvement in the UK economy and greater confidence among homebuyers more than offset the effects of higher interest rates. Pre-tax profits advanced to a better than expected £21.4 million in the six months to November 30, compared with £14.6 million previously, as turnover expanded by 37 per cent to £244.5 million.

Bryant's core homes unit saw completions increase by 18 per cent to 1,745 (1,480), while improved efficiencies helped margins rise to 11.3 per cent (10.1 per cent). Andrew MacKenzie, chief executive, said the company is on course to meet its completion target of 3,700 homes for the full year, while margins should hit 12 per cent by the year end.

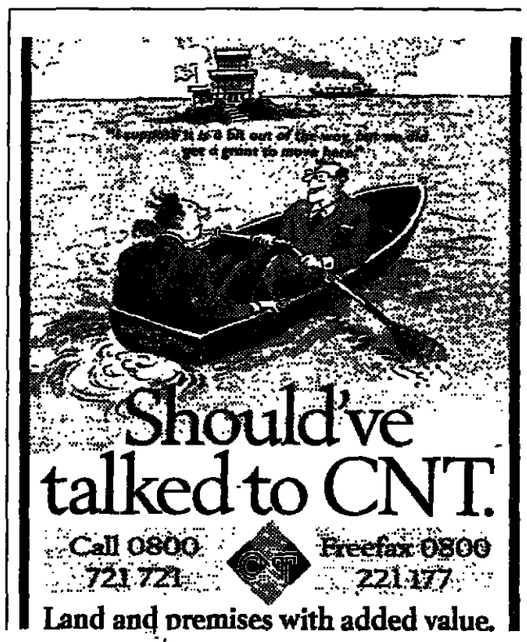
The average selling price was £106,000 (£94,000). Sixty per cent of Bryant's house production is now more lucrative four and five-bedroom homes, compared with a third during the depths of recession.

Colin Hope, chairman, said housebuyers' confidence had been undermined by threatened and actual rate rises, and tax and benefit changes.

Earnings rose 44 per cent to 5.2p (3.6p) a share and the interim payout is raised to 1.45p (1.4p), payable on April 26.

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STOCK MARKET — MICHAEL CLARK



Broker's bullish forecast puts GKN back on top

ANY lingering doubts City investors may have held about **GKN**'s position as Britain's leading automotive engineer should have been dispelled yesterday.

The shares advanced 13p to 569p, just 20p shy of their high, on turnover of almost two million shares, supported by a strong buy recommendation from Smith New Court, the stockbroker.

There were also whispers that the group is about to re-awarded a £50 million contract by the Canadian Government to supply 50 EH101 helicopters, which was originally cancelled in 1993.

Smith New Court has taken a long-term look at the company and is forecasting strong earnings growth from all three main divisions, including Westland Helicopters and the armoured cars operation.

The broker is forecasting earnings growth of 30 per cent a year over the next four years and says the group is in much better shape to withstand the next downturn in the automotive industry. Smith says GKN's business is less cyclical and capable of far more organic growth than before.

Meanwhile, word from the West Country, where Westland is based, says the Canadians are ready to re-order the EH101's after reneging on the original deal.

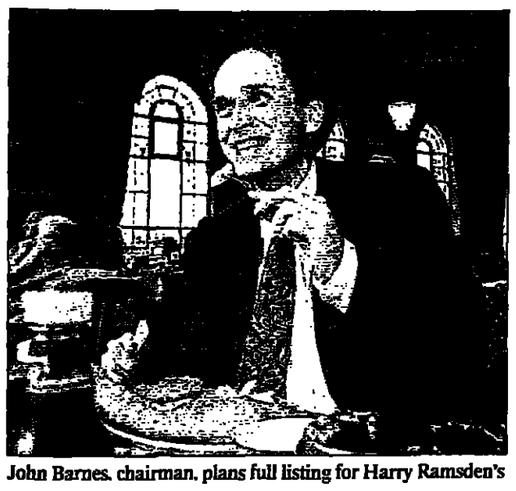
Elsewhere, share prices closed below their best of the day with the FT-SE 100 index losing an early lead of almost 25 points to finish 10.7 higher at 3,072.7.

Early demand for utilities whetted investors' appetites as hopes rose that the Government will this week give **Trafalgar House** the all-clear to bid for **Northern Electric**, which touched 988p before ending 4p firmer at 959p after the Swiss Bank Corporation, a Trafalgar adviser, announced it now spoke for 4.7 per cent of the company. Trafalgar hardened 2p to 67p.

Speculative buying was also directed at other companies in the sector with **Yorkshire**, up 20p at 794p, seen as a target for **Hanson**, 1p better at 236p.

Confirmation of the decision to axe its 285-strong chain of Rumbelows electrical retailing stores overshadowed third-quarter figures from **Thorn EMI**, down 7p at £10.42. In addition, Thorn is closing 36 Fona stores with the loss of almost 3,000 jobs at a cost of £116 million. The news was worse than expected, with most brokers forecasting the closure of only part of the loss-making chain with the rest converted into Radio Rentals or Fona outlets.

The move took the gloss of an otherwise impressive third-quarter performance from Thorn showing pre-tax profits 25 per cent ahead at £334.4 million.



John Barnes, chairman, plans full listing for Harry Ramsden's

Meggitt, the engineer, climbed 10p to 73p on bid hopes as the acquisitive TT Group emerged as a 4 per cent shareholder. Only last month Meggitt upset the City with a profits warning. Brokers say Meggitt looks vulnerable to a bid and are talking of an opening shot of at least 80p a share. TT finished 4p down at 234p.

Beer drinkers held up their glasses to the Office of Fair Trading after it announced it was launching an inquiry into the difference between the wholesale prices charged by brewers to their own tied pubs and those of the free trade.

News of the inquiry was received less enthusiastically by the brewers, which in one way or another, have found themselves under Government scrutiny on numerous occasions over the years.

Worst affected were **Bass**, down 16p at 524p, **Whitbread**, 25p at 539p, **Scottish & Newcastle**, 12p at 497p, and **Greene King**, 5p at 515p. **Grand Metropolitan**, which has recently restructured its Inntrepreneur joint venture with Fosters, was unaffected, closing 4p better at 379p.

Better than expected half-year figures failed to benefit **Glaxo**, which ended 4p down at 657p. Pre-tax profits were 10 per cent ahead at £1.09 billion despite a worrying 4 per cent decline in sales of Zantac, its best-selling anti-ulcer drug.

The figures were accompanied by publication of its official **Wellcome** offer document. Wellcome was still working to find an alternative to the £9.2 billion offer from Glaxo and continued to urge shareholders to reject the terms. Wellcome marked time at £10.18, still 30p short of the terms being offered.

Disappointing trading news left **Waste Management International** 62p down at 345p, while talk of an imminent profits warning left **Bowater** 7p down at 396p. A buy recommendation from Smith New Court lifted **Rentokil** 6p to 223p.

Shares in **Harry Ramsden's** held steady at 235p as Britain's only quoted fish and chip shop group combined a 16 per cent advance in full-year profits to £950,957 with plans to expand in both the United Kindom and overseas.

New restaurant openings helped the Yorkshire-based group, which was founded in 1928 and now has 13 restaurants, serve up a 16.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £950,957 in the year to October 2. The company also intends to apply for a full listing for its shares. They are currently quoted on the USM.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts scored some impressive gains on the back of solid performances by other international bond markets and a firmer pound.

Prices ticked better throughout the morning, with the gains accelerating towards the close of business as institutional investors rushed to join the bandwagon.

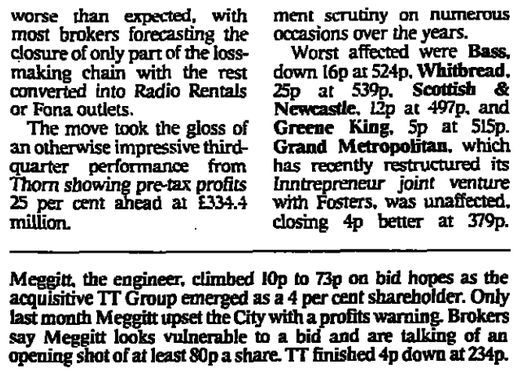
This enabled the Bank of England to take advantage of the situation by issuing further tranches of stock totalling £700 million.

They included £500 million of floating rate stock Treasury 1999, £100 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2 per cent 2006 and £100 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2024.

In the futures pit, the March series of the Long Gilt climbed £23/32 to finish at £102⁹/16 as demand increased with a total of 84,000 contracts completed.

Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 advanced £⅞ to £96¹⁷/32, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £⁷/16 better at £98¹/32.

□ **NEW YORK**: On Wall Street shares eased in morning trading on some profit-taking after the recent rally. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 10.43 points at 3,927.30.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):		
Dow Jones	3927.30	(-10.43)
S&P Composite	479.76	(-1.38)
Tokyo:		
Nikkei Average	18500.55	(-166.68)
Hong Kong:		
Hang Seng	8004.01	(+106.21)
Amsterdam:		
EOE Index	414.13	(+0.71)
Sydney:		
AO	1845.8	(-17.1)
Frankfurt:		
DAX	2092.49	(+2.80)
Singapore:		
Straits	2118.80	(-6.09)
Brussels:		
General	7112.74	(-24.56)
Paris:		
CAC-40	1870.44	(-1.67)
Zurich:		
SKA Gen	631.30	(+5.30)
London:		
FT 30	2333.0	(+12.7)
FT 100	3072.7	(+10.7)
FT-SE Mid 250	3407.1	(+11.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1340.47	(+2.19)
FT A All-Share	1513.05	(+4.84)
FT Non Financials	1641.53	(+4.96)
FT Gold Mines	198.7	(-4.7)
FT Fixed Interest	109.74	(+0.17)
FT Govt Secs	92.12	(+0.75)
Bargains	23992	
SEAQ Volume	597.2m	
USM (Datastrm)	148.01	(-0.02)
US$	1.5570	(-0.0035)
German Mark	2.3908	(+0.0021)
Exchange Index	79.0	(-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)		
£/ECU	1.2580	
£/SDR	1.0640	
RPI	146.0 Dec (2.9%)	Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

First Russ Fts ($10)	570	...
Gartmore Micro Ind	96	...
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Lazard Birla Ida Wts	31½	+ ½
MCIT S Cap (35)	34	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
Matheson Llys IT (100)	81	...
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Mitel	312p	(+18p)
Tadpole Tech	219p	(+12p)
Glynwed	309p	(+5p)
IMI	297p	(+7p)
TI	343p	(+4p)
VSEL	1514p	(+6p)
GKN	569p	(+13p)

FALLS:

Micro Focus	813p	(-20p)
Penna	95p	(-10p)
Securicor 'A'	919p	(-14p)
Morris Ashby	191p	(-10p)
Br Aerospace	478p	(-9p)
Powerscreen	238p	(-8p)
Home Counts	153p	(-9p)
Scot Wts.	555p	(-20p)
Booker	383p	(-11p)
Nat West	484p	(-5p)
Bass	520p	(-20p)
Whitbread	536p	(-28p)
Scot & New	497p	(-12p)
Danka Bs Systems	359p	(-10p)

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TEMPUS

Rumbelows rumbled

THE only criticism that can be made of Thorn EMI's decision to pull the plug on Rumbelows is that it did not do it earlier. The electrical retailing market is a brutal place where only the large — or the stupid — should operate. With a clutch of small high street stores and just 3 per cent of the market, Rumbelows was never going to survive profitably. It was a high cost operator in a market in which having low prices is crucial.

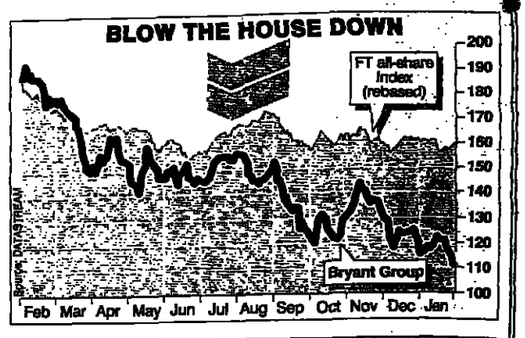
Just how unprofitable it was has now been laid bare. The chain has not made a profit since the mid-1980s, when it also operated a rental business, and has generated losses of £12 million a year in the past two years and about £80 million over the past decade. The performance of some of the REC's may well be worse but that is no reason for Thorn to join in the blood-bath. Better to leave others to scrabble for what meagre pickings there are. The other electrical players will be relieved to see some capacity taken out of the market. Getting out does not come cheap. It is costing Thorn £132 million in write-offs, redundancy costs and goodwill, which will depress what look like being impressive full-year results. However, the cash impact is only £30 million, a manageable sum for a company that last year produced a net cash flow of £308 million. Now Thorn can concentrate its energies on its music and rental operations, which generate superior margins. Electrical retailing looks unattractive when compared with the 15 per cent return on sales made by EMI Music. Even the rental division, which includes Rumbelows' losses, achieved margins of 8.5 per cent. With that business seeing volume growth in the UK for the first time in six years, its prospects look more exciting than they have for some time. The shares, which have failed to sparkle since the demerger plans were shelved, should outperform.

Bryant

A MEASURE of the market's gloomy view of housebuilding was evident in its reaction to Bryant, which reported sparkling interim profits but saw its share price fall.

Bryant raised operating margins by more than a full percentage point to 11.3 per cent and reckons it can hit 12 per cent in the second half. But 'anxiety over interest rates is undermining consumer confidence and the company's progress to a target of 4,000 sales a year will be slow. None of this should come as a surprise and Bryant should come up with profits of £48 million for the year, but the market is not just worried about shy homebuyers. Builders are starting to complain about cost pressures from suppliers. Bryant spent an extra 6 per cent on materials and there is little sign that the pressure is easing.

Land costs have also risen along with the price of bricks. In this brave new world, low wage inflation and a reluctant consumer are forcing builders to absorb the costs rather than pass them on. Bryant spent about £80 million on new plots last year extending its land bank to three years in a general build-up of stock by housebuilders. With mortgage rates rising and tax relief falling home ownership is no longer seen as a route to wealth and builders will be hard-pressed to generate volume. In its absence, builders may be left with very long land banks indeed.



Arjo Wiggins Appleton

BRITISH investors in Arjo Wiggins Appleton owe thanks to the Paris Bourse for prising some useful information out of their company. The bourse's rules required AWA to published its 1994 turnover figures yesterday, several weeks before the world sees its full results.

The figures reflect the rise in pulp and paper prices. In the first quarter of the year, the group suffered a 4 per cent year-on-year decline in sales. This had been transformed into a 20 per cent gain by the final quarter.

Much of the rise has been generated by price increases although AWA has had little opportunity to expand margins due to price resistance among customers. But the mild pressure on margins has not prevented AWA from driving ahead, thanks to a rise in volume and demand for higher margin products.

AWA should be able to pass prices on more effectively as spare capacity in the industry fills. Yesterday's turnover figures underpinned City forecasts of a £210 million profit from AWA for 1994. The group's investors still gripe about the cut in the dividend in 1992, and it now looks in a strong position to silence some of that criticism. AWA says it intends to cover its dividend at least twice through the cycle. But with earnings estimated to be more than 16p in 1994, the group could raise its payout a penny to 7.5p and still remain well within its target.

BCE

ON a stock market that likes to value dull things such as assets, cash flow and earnings projections, BCE stands apart. The City has never had a video game designer and publisher to value before and it is proving difficult.

Rage and Software Creations, BCE's two main subsidiaries, are at the cutting-edge of this new industry. Software Creations yesterday agreed to design a sound package for Nintendo's new 64-bit machine and to develop its first three dimensional game. Both deals will earn several hundred thousand dollars.

The new equipment that Nintendo and Sega are releasing in the coming year will decide whether the video games industry is a passing fancy or a developing multi-billion dollar industry. If it is the latter, BCE now stands to be a leading beneficiary. But shareholders will have to wait a while to see something more tangible to back their investment judgment.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	994-993	May	1039-1038
May	992-991	Jul	1048-1047
Jul	1003-1002	Sep	1058-1055
Sep	1013-1012	Dec	1072-1071
Dec	1021-1020		
Mar	1030-1029		Volume: 3574

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	2704-2703	Nov	2615-2612
May	2648-2645	Jan	2615-2601
Jul	2610-2605	Mar	2615-2601
Sep	2620-2615		Volume: 3326

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	346.5-45.4
Spot: 392.5		Dec	344.0-41.9
Mar	392.2-91.2	Mar	341.0-37.3
May	385.2-84.7	May	339.5-35.4
Aug	373.0-72.3		Volume: 4167

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	87.32	120.12	120.89
(+/-)	+1.57	+1.19	+1.11
Eng/Wales:	87.75	120.39	136.35
(+/-)	+1.62	+2.18	+1.69
(%)	n/c	+1.0	+1.3 0
Scotland:	80.30	118.95	112.69
(+/-)	+1.90	-2.68	+0.23
(%)	+31.0	-13.0	n/c

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.00	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.10	n/c
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.65	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.50	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.25	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 160 (n/c)	O: 162 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	149 (n/c)	150 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	150 (+1)	151 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	151 (+1)	152 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	103 (+2)	105 (+2)
Naphtha	165 (+2)	166 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	146.25-46.50	May	149.00-49.25
Mar	148.25-48.50	Jun	149.00-49.50
Apr	148.75-49.00		Vol: 18690

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	17.10-17.12	Jun	16.48-16 50
Apr	16.62-16.63	Jul	16.40-16.43
May	16.52-16.54		Vol: 29086

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	108.45	Mar	102.75
May	110.05	May	104.00
Jul	111.30	Sep	97.15
Sep	99.30	Nov	99.05
Nov	99.35	Jan	100.65
Volume: 476		Volume: 12	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	328.0	332.00
May	unq	354.00
Jun	unq	unq
	Volume: 87	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS C'if p/k)

Mar ... 123.25-123.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 95	1975	1960	1985
Mar 95	1970	1955	1975
Apr 95	1980	1960	1979
Jul 95	1745	1735	1745
Vol: 193 lots		Open interest: 3282	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash:	3mth:	Vol: 19807 50
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2848.0-2849.0	2935.0-2936.0	
Lead ($/tonne)	583.50-584.00	601.50-602.00	322350
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1043.0-1043.5	1069.5-1070.0	1137400
Tin ($/tonne)	5635 0-5645.0	5725.0-5730 0	29325
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2017.0-2017.5	2062.5-2063.0	1950500
Nickel ($/tonne)	8960.0-8960.0	9110.0-9120 0	122376

FT-SE INDEX (*3072¹/₂)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Feb	132	85½	45	17	5	1
Mar	144½	105	71	45	25½	12½
Apr	161½	125	95⅞	70	48	32
May	178	145	115½	89½	67½	50
Jun	—	161½	—	106	—	84½
Puts						
Feb	2½	8	18	41	84	134
Mar	19	29	45½	69½	101	140
Apr	38	53⅝	73½	97½	125	160
May	47½	64	84	108½	136½	169½
Jun	—	78	—	122½	—	180½

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allid Dom. 500	30½	38	48½	10	18½	23
(*514½) 550	8	14½	25	38	47½	50
Argyll ... 280	15	21½	24	8½	16	18½
(*282) 300	6½	12½	15½	20½	28½	30
ASDA ... 60	9	11	12	0⅝	1½	2½
(*68) 70	2½	5	6½	4	5½	6½
Boots ... 460	24½	33½	38½	9	18½	21
(*469) 500	7½	15	20½	33	42½	44
Br Airways 360	31	40½	45½	6	13½	17
(*380½) 390	14	23½	30	18½	28	31½
BP ... 390	35½	43½	48½	4	9	11
(*419½) 420	16	25	31	15	20½	22½
Br Steel ... 140	17	20½	23	1½	4	5½
(*153½) 160	5	9⅝	12½	10	13	14
C & W ... 390	20½	30½	39	12	19½	24½
(*395½) 420	7½	17	25½	28½	36	41
CU ... 490	16½	—	—	21½	—	—
(*497½) 543	3	—	—	63	—	—
ICI ... 700	53	63½	69½	11	18½	25
(*745) 750	20	36	43½	34½	42½	48½
Kingfishr. 420	27½	33	39½	9½	21	25½
(*430½) 460	9½	15½	22½	32	45	48½
Land Sec ... 550	39	47	50½	4½	15	18½
(*577½) 600	11½	17½	24½	25½	42	45½
M & S ... 390	19½	25½	32	9½	16	18½
(*395½) 420	6½	11½	18	27	33	35
Nat West... 460	30	39	44	15	20	27
(*481½) 500	10	20	26	38½	42½	48
Sainsbury 520	25	32	40	7½	15½	18½
(*432½) 460	6	13	21	30	38	40½
Shell ... 700	30	42	52½	15½	20	26
(*719) 750	7½	19	28	46	53	54½
Smkl Bch. 460	32½	42½	51	8½	14½	20
(*483) 500	11½	22	31	28	34½	39½
Storehse ... 220	16	20	23	3½	7½	9
(*228) 240	6½	9½	13½	14	17½	19
Trafalgar... 60	9½	10½	13½	1	3½	3½
(*67) 70	4	5	8⅝	5½	7	7½
Unilever.. 1150	43	63	83½	29	40½	46½
(*1167) 1200	18½	40	60	59½	69	74
Zeneca ... 850	57	72½	86½	21	25	32
(*892½) 900	29	46	60	45	49½	55½

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA ... 450	26	—	—	8	—	—
(*462½) 475	11½	—	—	21	—	—
Thames W 460	23½	31½	36	10	24	28
(*468) 500	7	15	19	35½	50	53
BAT Ind ... 420	33	41½	45½	0	10½	18
(*452) 460	4	17	23½	11	30½	38½
BTR ... 300	8½	15	22½	1½	11½	15
(*306½) 330	0	4	10½	23½	32	34
Br Aero.... 448	29½	40	—	0½	13	—
(*476½) 487	3½	18½	—	13	31½	—
Br Telcom .. 390	15½	28	35½	1	7	14½
(*404½) 420	0½	12	19	16	21½	29½
Cadbury ... 409	7½	23	33½	3	12	16
(*413) 447	0	8	16	34	35½	38
Guinness. 420	10½	20	30	1½	13½	17
(*428) 460	0	5	13½	32	41	42
GEC ... 280	14½	23½	28½	0⅝	4	5½
(*294) 300	1½	11½	17	7½	12½	19
Hanson ... 220	17	20	23½	0	3½	6½
(*236½) 240	1½	8	12½	5	12	16
LASMO... 140	16	19½	23½	0	2½	4½
(*155½) 160	2	8	12	6½	11	12½
Lucas ... 180	6	13½	19½	1½	8	11
(*184½) 200	0	5½	11	15½	20	22½
Pilkington.. 140	9½	15½	18½	0½	3½	6
(*149) 160	0	5½	9	11½	13½	16½
Prudential 300	7½	14½	22	2½	13½	17½
(*304½) 330	0	3½	11	25½	35½	37½
Redland ... 420	16	27	33½	1½	19½	24
(*434) 460	0½	9½	15½	26	46½	50
R-Royce.... 160	4	10½	15½	2	8½	11½
(*162) 180	0	3½	7½	18	22	24
Tesco ... 240	14½	21	23½	0	6	7½
(*254) 260	1½	9½	13	7	15	17
Vodafone.. 183	15½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*198) 200	3	11½	16½	5	10½	14
Williams ... 330	8½	19	26½	2	13½	17
(*338½) 360	0	6	11½	27½	33½	36

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3076.0	3100.0	3068.0	3077.0	13446
Previous open interest: 64845	Jun 95	3096.0	3107.5	3088.0	3086.5	242
FT-SE 250	Mar 95	3405.0	3410.0	3405.0	3412.5	14
Previous open interest: 4044	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.96	93.02	92.96	92.99	16650
Previous open interest: 451217	Jun 95	92.29	92.41	92.29	92.36	32835
	Sep 95	91.85	91.98	91.85	91.93	8479
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95				93.56	0
Previous open interest: 2337	Jun 95				93.02	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.79	94.82	94.77	94.81	23598
Previous open interest: 763714	Jun 95	94.37	94.46	94.37	94.45	46972
Long Gilt	Mar 95	101-26	102-24	101-25	102-18	84388
Previous open interest: 98420	Jun 95	102-08	102-30	102-08	102-25	296
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.65	108.70	108.65	108.67	2682
	Jun 95	107.95	107.95	107.92	107.92	304
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	90.52	91.02	90.49	90.87	160660
Previous open interest: 219442	Jun 95	90.02	90.43	90.02	90.34	812
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.68	93.74	93.68	93.73	1485
Previous open interest: 24523	Jun 95	93.20	93.24	93.20	93.24	944
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.89	95.95	95.89	95.93	4160
Previous open interest: 44605	Jun 95	95.56	95.62	95.56	95.61	3658
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	100 45	100.79	100.37	100.69	29838
Previous open interest: 57144	Jun 95	99.80	99.85	99.68	99.78	1213

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼. Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼. Low 6⅛. Week fixed: 6⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 6⅛ ; 3 mth 6⅛ . Sell: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth: 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-7	7⅛-7⅛
Interbank:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-7	7⅛-7⅛

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6¼ .

Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/c	6⅛	7⅛	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-6⅛	7⅛-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	6.03-6	n/c	6.17-6.14	6.46-6.43	7.02-7
Building Society CDs:	6¼-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	7⅛-7	7⅛-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 28, 1995to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994to Jan 31 ,1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6¼-5⅞	6¼-6	6⅛-6¼	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	5-4¾	5-4⅝	5¼-4⅝	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-4¼
French Franc:	5⅛-5	5¼-5¼	5⅛-5⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3¼-3	3¼-3¼	3¼-3¼	4¼-4	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2¼	2¾-2¼	2¾-2¼	2¼-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $375.30-375.70 Close: $374.60-375.10 High: $375.70-376.20
Low: $374.20-374.70 AM: $375.20 PM: $374.50

Krugerrand: $374.25-376.25 (£240.00-242.00)

Platinum: $409.25 (£262.60) Silver: $4.68 (£2.995) Palladium: $156.75 (£100.60)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 6	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6710-2.6823	2.6786-2.6820	¼-par	1¼-par
Brussels	49.03-49.28	49.17-49.28	7-3pr	19-13pr
Copenhagen	9.3850-9.4340	9.4090-9.4240	¼-par	2¼-1¼pr
Dublin	1.0070-1.0107	1.0076-1.0103	9-6pr	17-13pr
Frankfurt	2.3840-2.3950	2.3918-2.3930	¼-par	1-¾pr
Lisbon	245.69-246.88	246.20-246.84	43-52dis	177-195ds
Madrid	205.97-206.52	205.97-206.26	21-33ds	91-110ds
Milan	2508.70-2521.80	2518.60-2521.80	5-4ds	11-14ds
Montreal	2.1716-2.1764	2.1719-2.1750	0.15-0.25ds	0.34-0.47ds
New York	0.07-0.05pr	0.19-0.17pr	1.5566-1.5992	1.5572-1.5582
Oslo	10.4220-10.4750	10.4590-10.4750	1¼-1pr	3 ¼-2¾pr
Paris	8.2510-8.2830	8.2660-8.2800	¼-3pr	2¼-1¼pr
Stockholm	11.5850-11.6600	11.6360-11.6600	¼-1¼ds	2¼-4ds
Tokyo	154.49-154.97	154.70-154.97	¼-apr	1¼-1¾pr
Vienna	16.78-16.86	16.81-16.85	2¾-1¾pr	7¾-6¾pr
Zurich	2.0172-2.0296	2.0252-2.0282	¼-apr	1¼-1¼pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3383-1.3392
Austria	10.80-10.81
Belgium (Com)	31.58-31.59
Canada	1.3952-1.3957
Denmark	6.0395-6.0425
France	5.3110-5.3150
Germany	1.5352-1.5357
Hong Kong	7.7295-7.7305
Ireland	1.5439-1.5449
Italy	1615.50-1616.50
Japan	99.34-99.39
Malaysia	2.5519-2.5528
Netherlands	1.7209-1.7214
Norway	6.7150-6.7180
Portugal	158.26-158.36
Singapore	1.4615-1.4625
Spain	132.38-132.49
Sweden	7.4588-7.4663
Switzerland	1.3000-1.3010

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5574-1.5600
Australia dollar	2.0830-2.0850
Bahrain dinar	0.5815-0.5935
Brazil real*	1.3010-1.3057
Cyprus pound	0.7330-0.743
Finland markka	7.300-7.416
Greece drachma	369.25-376.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.0348-12.0403
India rupee	48.42-49.38
Kuwait dinar KD	0.461-0.471
Malaysia ringgit	3.9718-3.9747
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4633-2.4668
Pakistan rupee	47.50 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7825-5.9085
Singapore dollar	2.3744-2.3774
S Africa rand (fin)	6.1928-6.2280
S Africa rand (com)	5.5212-5.5272
U A E dirham	5.6

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Analysts await the lemon list

ANALYSTS whose careers are made (or broken) by their rankings in the annual *Extel* survey can be thankful they do not work on Wall Street. America's *Financial World*, the business magazine founded in 1902 that has a paid for bi-weekly circulation of more than 500,000, is producing what, it says, is a much more useful list — the 100 worst analysts, based on data drawn from Bloomberg. The article, entitled "The Lemon List", shows rankings based on 4,635 stock recommendations, made by 633 analysts at 26 different firms between July 1, 1993, and June 30, 1994. According to this listing, the worst individual performer, who works for Smith Barney, turned in an average loss of 58.5 per cent based on five recommendations, while the firm with the highest percentage of analysts who posted losses was Ladenburg Thalmann. Winners of the 100 wooden spoons are named in FW's February 28 issue.

On the run

VARIATIONS abound on the theme "the cheque is in the post". The latest survey by Accountemps, the financial recruitment consultant, includes: "The money for your invoice was given to a person to transfer to your account — but he has run off. At the moment, we are still tracking him down round a village in Africa ..."



"He has been overworking"

Takeover tip

SOME investors stick pins in price lists for clues about the next takeover target, others might usefully follow Gisela Gledhill. Gledhill was company secretary at Consolidated Gold Fields, which in the 1980s was subject of the (then) record takeover bid topping £3 billion from Minorco. Now she is company secretary at Wellcome, subject of a £9.2 billion bid from Glaxo.

Gone before

ON September 15, 1991, after 12 years with the group, Jim Maxmin left Thorn-EMI, where he was chief executive of the rental business that included Rumbelows. He then joined Laura Ashley, which he left last April with a £1.2 million payoff. On Monday, Laura Ashley shed 200 jobs. Yesterday, Thorn-EMI shed 2,900, when Rumbelows was axed.

Yen for a seat

NO SOONER does the Princess of Wales land in Japan than two brokers put up their hands to buy seats on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Paribas Capital Markets has offered 750 million yen (£4.84 million) for the seat being vacated by Kidder, Peabody. Smith New Court is offering 800 million yen for the seat of Prudential Securities (Japan). When County NatWest Securities quit Tokyo in March 1993, its seat fetched 1.1 billion yen.

SEEN in The Daily Yomiuri: *Noh Music Concert: A free concert will be held at 6.30pm at Seinenkan Hall, Minato Ward, Tokyo. No reservations required ...*

COLIN CAMPBELL

Virtual reality is just the start of cinema changes. **Eric Reguly** reports

Belt up for the real movie experience

The first clue that *Dino Island* will not be a normal movie experience comes when you are told to climb into your seat, which resembles a swollen barber's chair, and fasten the safety belt around your hips. The second comes when you spot the large fan in front of the large, gently curved screen.

A moment later, your hair is flying backwards and you are being bounced around like a pinball as your all-terrain vehicle moves through the jungle of a mythical volcanic island. Suddenly, the foliage disappears and the vehicle is barrelling towards a cliff. As it teeters on the edge, your hydraulic seat lurches forward at an alarming angle and you find yourself clutching the armrests in fright.

Seconds later, your seat shudders as a herd of dinosaurs thunders by. One of them, a tyrannosaurus rex as grouchy as the one in *Jurassic Park*, snaps its jaws at you, then gives chase. The vehicle scrambles away in reverse, crunching your spine as it blasts over the uneven terrain. Finally, you are soaring over the sea, breeze in your face, as a helicopter lifts you to safety.

The four-minute experience is nothing short of exhilarating. Welcome to the future of movies. The traditional format may be alive and well, but new formats, in which the audience "lives" the movie instead of merely watching it, are around the corner.

The simulation theatre that played *Dino Island* is one of several movie-based attractions sold by Iwerks Entertainment of Burbank, California, launched in 1986 by Don Iwerks and Stan Kinsey, two former executives of the Walt Disney Company.

After years of struggling, Mr Kinsey is convinced that rapid growth is imminent, especially in Asia and Europe. And he is not alone. The Imax Corporation of Toronto, the biggest player in the field, thinks the same.

About half of the Iwerks headquarters is devoted to unusual theatres. Next to the *Dino Island* theatre is a scaled-down version of the company's big-screen format (the commercial versions have screens that are 60ft high and 80ft wide). The projectionist plays a 70mm Prince video that makes you feel you are right on stage.

Around the corner is a 360-degree theatre whose screens, 15ft high, form a ring around the audience. The projection plays another music video and manipulates it through "video wallpapering," in which images are laid on top of each other.

The last attraction is an interactive, virtual-reality theatre. Kids would love it. Wearing 3D glasses, a small team is put behind the controls of a submarine in Loch Ness. The goal is to find the Loch Ness monster's lair and save its eggs from an evil bounty hunter, who is armed with green "immobilising gel". Mr Kinsey, the chief executive of Iwerks, said that the simulation and the interactive theatres show the greatest commercial potential. But, in spite of all the hype surrounding high-tech movies, the industry is surprisingly small and poorly funded. "This is a boutique industry and we're all looking for break-out strategies," he said.

Richard Gelfond, the company's vice-chairman, points to the new Sony complex in Manhattan, where the main attraction is an Imax 3D theatre with an eight-storey-high screen. The 40-minute movie, *Into The Deep*, is pulling in more than $150,000 a week, making it the highest-grossing screen on the Continent. Mr Gelfond said Stephen Spielberg saw the movie, leant over to a friend and said: "Can you imagine if I had made *Jaws* in this."

The high-tech movie industry can certainly use a break. Until recently, it had done a remarkably good job at hiding its existence.

As far as anyone can remember, the first mass exposure to non-traditional movie formats occurred during Expo '67 in Montreal. There, a 360-degree movie took a standing on a wild car chase. Imax was created the same year, and showed its first giant-screen movie at Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan.

The company's claim to fame was a 70mm/15-perforation frame that was ten times larger than the standard 35mm/4-perforation frame (millimetres refers to the width of the film, perforations to the height). The clarity of the picture, projected onto a seven-storey screen, was superb. One of Imax's first movies, *Catch The Sun*, had audiences screaming during the roller-coaster segment.

A new industry was born. But it went nowhere fast. Imax and its imitators managed to place their products into some institutional locations, such as museums and planetariums, where educational films were shown, but the commercial market eluded them.

Bruce Peer, who was Imax's chief operating officer until 1990, said the industry's obsession with technology hampered its growth. He said the executives who ran the companies were more concerned with developing the finest picture quality than going after the mass entertainment market. Imax itself also seemed suspicious of Hollywood, whose studios would have been natural investors, and jealously guarded its Canadian roots in its early years.

Imax, which is 28 years old, has a library of only 100 films — Hollywood pumps out that many movies in a few months — and famous directors have shown little interest in making big-screen films. Companies such as Iwerks have far fewer films. The industry has restructured itself in an effort to break away from fringe status. Widespread exposure and profits would be their goal.

In 1993, Iwerks listed its shares on America's Nasdaq market and later bought Omni Films International, a company that specialised in the potentially high-growth simulation market. Omni's clients included Granada Studios, which has Motion Master and 3D theatres in Manchester.

Imax, unable to find a partner that would thrust it into the commercial market, followed the same route. Last year, the company was sold to a group of investors based in New York, including Wasserstein Perrella partners, the US buyout firm. At the same time, it acquired the Trumbull Company, which makes simulation software and theatres. A few months later, Imax listed a quarter of its shares on Nasdaq and hired Robert Corrigan, the former president of IBM's personal computer division, to run the company.

Neither Iwerks nor Imax has been an immediate success on the public market. Both are losing money and their shares have plummeted from their issue price. But they are expanding their operations. Their goal is to reach critical mass, the point at which they become large enough to justify the production of a steady stream of movies that do not cost a fortune to produce.

Iwerks's biggest move was teaming up with Japan's Itochu Corporation to build a Cinetropolis in Connecticut. The entertainment complex houses large-screen, simulation and virtual-reality theatres, plus a casino, shops and restaurants. A second was built in Japan.

Imax, for its part, is pushing hard into Europe and Asia. In December it signed a deal to open ten theatres in Spain over the next decade and four for Expo '96 in Tokyo. It also has formed a joint venture with Capital Cities/ABC, owner of America's ABC television network, to produce films.

Both Imax and Iwerks have had relatively little success in Britain — Imax has one giant-screen theatre here, at the National Museum of Photograph, Film and Television in West Yorkshire — but they are negotiating for more exposure.

Will high-tech films ever become really popular, especially with the interactive-TV and other products about to explode onto the home market?

Mr Kinsey said home entertainment will not threaten the high-tech movie industry because it cannot offer the same thrill. "Consumers cannot afford things like 3D capsules, image-generators and giant screens," he said. "We're creating a whole new experience."





IWERKS ENTERTAINMENT

Out of the stone age: a Virtual Adventures vehicle, left, helps people to "live" as well as watch a film, changing the concept of going to the cinema

Our fate lies in Far Eastern hands

Exports must be more than a fill-in for when domestic sales slump, says a CBI study. **Ross Tieman** reports

The prosperity of Britain and its people beyond the year 2000 will be decided in the export markets of Pacific Asia.

Success in the sale of manufactured goods there would provide rising incomes and well-being for our next generation; failure would maintain the course of Britain's steady economic decline relative to the rest of the world.

Such are the conclusions of a study commissioned by the Confederation of British Industry's national manufacturing council from Ernst & Young, the accountancy practice.

The study, *Winning the Export Race*, set out to weigh the recent improvement in Britain's export performance against the CBI's goal of winning an extra 1 per cent share of world trade by the year 2000. It concluded that if the improvement is to be sustained, firms must make fundamental changes in their approach to exporting.

In spite of innovative practices by leading firms, the pattern of exporting continues to reflect the world as it was, rather than as it will be.

During 1993, the United Kingdom exported goods worth £121 billion, to gain 4.8 per cent of world trade. Although exports of services remain sound, accounting for 50 per cent of the total, Britain trails in manufactures. Equally worrying, Britain's share of exports to developing economies failed to keep pace with their growth. It slipped from 5.6 per cent of their imports in 1980 to just 3.2 per cent in 1993.

If the CBI's goal is to be achieved, the report says, exports to Europe and North America, Britain's biggest overseas markets, will have to rise by £50 billion by the turn of the century. However, to meet the target, sales elsewhere will have to rise by a further £40 billion. At current growth rates, a shortfall of £19 billion is likely.

The opportunity to redress this deficit, the report says, lies in the developing countries. However, these countries also pose a threat. At present, Britain is in fifth place in the international league of exporters, behind the United States, Germany, Japan and France. Newly industrialised countries, such as Hong Kong, Singapore, China and Taiwan, are now close behind.

Moreover, such countries are switching their attention from low-tech products such as running shoes, bicycles, toys and textiles towards information technology and electronics, areas that Britain and other developed nations used to consider their preserve.

To confront this threat, the study says, Britain should play to its strengths. At present, the UK's key exporters are extraordinarily concentrated. In 1993 just 100 companies accounted for 46 per cent of exports. A quarter of all exports were by just 12 companies. Their sales tended to reflect Britain's traditional manufacturing and technology strengths — electronic equipment, chemicals, mechanical engineering, motor vehicles, aerospace, food and drink, pharmaceuticals and so on.

However, by the year 2020, the report says, there will be a fundamental shift in the balance of purchasing power — reflected in forecasts that there will be more cars in the developing world than there are in the developed countries.

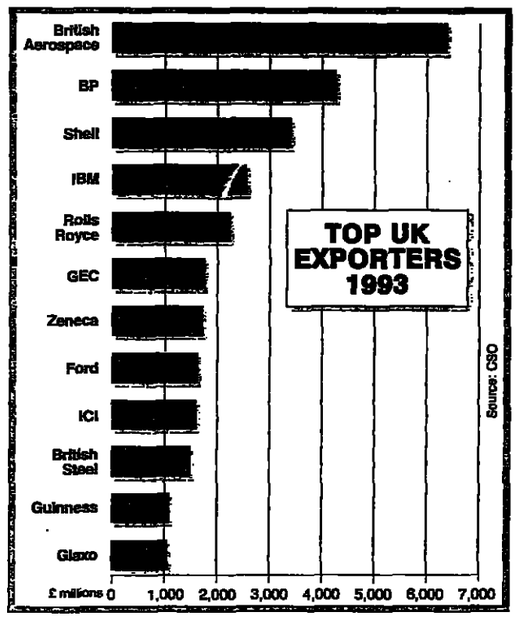
British companies must exploit these new opportunities if they are to achieve the economies of scale necessary to remain competitive and preserve their technical edge. Forward-looking companies, the study says, should consider now how best to respond. Strategic alliances or local manufacturing are possible responses. However, these will be open only to companies that ensure that they have competitive products that people want to buy.

The old attitude to exporting — a substitute for home sales during recession — will be inadequate. Rather, the report says, companies must invest in core research and development, and in building an in-depth knowlege of, and commitment to, overseas markets.

"For successful companies," the report says, "exporting is about long-term survival and profitability, not about short-term use of overcapacity."

What is true of companies, is true for the nation.

Winning the Export Race (CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London, WC1), price £20.



LETTERS

Cost of business borrowing adds to inflation spiral

From Mr Peter R.F. Cooke

Sir, We, like many other businesses, provide the finance we need for our operation by way of overdraft; this being the most flexible way of borrowing money as we borrow the minimum amount we require on a daily basis.

The charge for our overdraft is calculated upon base rate plus. In the last six months, including the February 2 rise, the cost of borrowing to this business has increased by 21%, whereas the cost of raw materials has increased by only 2% during the same period.

The Chancellor gave as his reason for increasing base rates, the upward pressure upon prices and in this business the component which is putting most pressure upon factory gate prices — which, in turn, is leading to inflation — is the cost of borrowing.

In my view it is just common economic sense that any increase in the cost of borrowing will have the spiral effect of increasing inflation, and not the reverse.

Yours faithfully,
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High salaries reduce competition

From Mr P.R. Layton

Sir, In the long-running debate on high executive pay Mr Chadwick has vigorously attacked the argument that these salaries are needed to attract able persons to already filled posts (letters, February 1). It does not seem to have been pointed out, however, that in fact increases have (for the holders) the useful effect of decreasing competition. For any post, no one with a present salary below a certain bracket will be regarded as a serious candidate. There are thus thousands of potential rivals for a post at £75,000, far fewer for one at £750,000.

Some years ago a prominent American businessman remarked, "It was only the first half of my career that was hard work. Above three million dollars a year there was remarkably little competition!"

Yours faithfully,
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Sevenoaks, Kent.

Choice of CBI study group questionable

From Mr Edmond Jackson

Sir, Regarding the CBI's Study Group on Directors Remuneration, it is interesting to note that seven out of the 11 members are directors of publicly quoted companies with combined salaries of £3.8 million last year, and 2.8 million share options. They enjoyed comfortable pay rises too. The salaries figure omits income from other quoted companies where members of the group act as non-executive directors or deputy chairmen.

A lack of disclosure in the annual reports makes it impossible to determine exactly what these men earn in sum total. Nor is any value ascribed to their share options. Is the study group fit to set standards on directors' remuneration?

Executive pay inflation is now a real factor in dissuading people from share ownership, and many private investors are sceptical that share options foster a sense of partnership between company owners and managers. Why has the CBI chosen a stockbroker to represent our interests, instead of a private investor association?

Yours faithfully,
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Invitation to the Annual General Meeting

Thyssen Aktiengesellschaft invites shareholders to the 41st ordinary general meeting on Friday, 17th March 1995, at 10.00 am, in the Mercator-Halle, König-Heinrich-Platz, Duisburg.

Agenda

1. Presentation of the adopted annual accounts of the Company and the Group, as well as of the management report on Thyssen AG and the Thyssen Group for the fiscal year 1993/94, together with the report of the Supervisory Board
2. Resolution on the official approval of the acts and omissions of the Executive Board
3. Resolution on the official approval of the acts and omissions of the Supervisory Board
4. Election of statutory auditors
5. Election of alternate Supervisory Board members
6. Approval of a direct-control and profit & loss transfer agreement with Thyssen Immobilien GmbH

According to Art. 13 of our company's memorandum and articles of association, such shareholders are entitled to participate in the Annual General Meeting as, on or before 10th March 1995, have deposited, and left there until the close of the Annual General Meeting, their shares with the depositary bank, S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. in Great Britain.

Düsseldorf, February 1995 The Executive Board

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Gtrdlnvst Euro	186.70	207.10	+ 0.40	0.55
Gtrdlnvst Fast Bd	104.90	108.60		4.84
Gtrdlnvst Glb	72.65	74.91	+ 0.05	5.11
Gtrdlnvst Japan	162.20	171.60	- 0.30	

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General Acc	514.80	547.70	+ 1.20	2.90
General Inc	454.00	483.00	+ 1.10	2.90
UK Growth Acc	346.90	368.10	+ 1.10	2.92
UK Growth Inc	297.50	252.70	+ 0.80	2.97
Higher Inc Acc	648.00	689.40	+ 1.10	4.16
Higher Inc Inc	574.40	598.40	+ 0.50	4.16
Offs/Fed Int Acc	163.50	170.80	+ 0.50	6.02
Offs/Fed Int Inc	89.22	94.94	+ 0.43	6.02
Nth America	262.50	282.50	+ 3.00	..
Far East	329.20	350.30	- 0.60	0.35
Europe	264.60	281.50	- 0.20	0.53
Brit Excell	68.80	73.20	+ 0.23	3.18
Brit Fedmnts Acc	97.85	104.10	+ 0.34	4.83
Brit Fedmnts Inc	71.77	76.36	+ 0.15	4.83
Global Opps	81.65	86.93	+ 0.06	0.51
Balanced Acc	92.22	98.56†	+ 0.13	3.14
Balanced Inc	80.94	84.20†	+ 0.11	3.14

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High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.80	134.50	- 0.39	7.93
High Inc Equity	153.90	164.30†	+ 0.80	4.79
Worldwide Bond	280.20	276.80†	+ 0.20	5.51
Capital Growth				
American Growth	278.30	295.10†	+ 0.70	.81
Asian Pacific	196.20	315.10	+ 1.80	
Assets & Earnings	244.80	252.50	+ 1.20	2.97
Comdty & Energy	97.95	104.20	- 1.00	
Euro Capital Inc	130.40	139.50	+ 0.40	.78
(Accum Units)	139.30	148.90	+ 0.30	.69
General	216.80	230.60†	+ 0.70	2.36
Japan	117.10	125.20	- 0.70	
Mastertrack	134.00	143.30	+ 0.20	1.74
UK Growth Plus	114.10	122.00	..	2.83
US Emerging Cos	132.60	141.80	+ 0.70	
Income & Growth	364.70	388.00	+ 1.90	3.22
Ethical	84.57	88.69†	+ 0.01	2.98
International	108.80	116.80		1.10
Dividend & Growth	57.30	60.99†	+ 0.20	4.61
Global Gwth & Inc	66.25	70.64	- 0.02	2.60

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UK Small Cos	£16.39	£16.50	..	..

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Amer Inc & Growth	43.86	45.55	+ 0.03	0.88
Cash	50.28	50.36	+ 0.01	4.47
Emerging Mkts	87.27	71.30	+ 0.43	0.05
Eurogrowth	109.30	114.10†	+ 0.20	0.51
Exempt	935.20	£10.07†	- 0.40	1.85
Extra Income #	46.86	49.29	- 0.01	6.12
Far East Emg Eco	108.10	114.60	+ 0.80	0.54
Fixed Interest #	92.57	93.70	+ 0.03	6.72
Fixed Int Tst	166.00	174.60	+ 0.80	7.96
Japan	166.30	176.20	- 0.20	..
Latin American	52.82	55.23	+ 0.17	0.86
Pacific	68.43	72.05	+ 0.64	0.37
Property Shares	59.90	62.87†	+ 0.07	2.17
UK Emerging Cos	60.21	63.30†	- 0.17	1.58
UK Growth	42.36	44.50	+ 0.10	2.61
Wstr World Pen #	69.51	76.69	+ 0.26	2.35
Ethical	58.01	63.00	+ 0.18	2.60
Aberdeen Eq Inc #	49.04	48.04	+ 0.04	7.65

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Britsh Growth	65.72	70.96†	+ 0.20	2.72
British Income	77.14	82.07†	+ 0.07	3.44
Select Portfolio	91.90	97.02†	+ 1.16	..

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Amlty Income	71.23	73.52	+ 0.02	2.58
Income Builder Inc	84.92	89.05	+ 0.30	3.01

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Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	217.80	232.60	+ 0.60	3.35
Capital	343.80	368.30	+ 0.90	2.02
Balanced	838.00	882.00†	+ 1.40	2.92
Accumulator	£11.86	£12.67	+ 5.00	3.20
Income Trusts				
Abbeycin Income	47.06	50.32†	+ 0.22	3.54
High Income	370.10	395.60	+ 1.20	3.90
Equity Income	208.60	222.30†	+ 0.60	3.75
High Yield	224.70	240.20	+ 0.80	3.67
Govt Securities	32.73	34.55†	+ 0.19	6.14
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	141.90	151.60	+ 0.80	0.48
European Growth	33.31	35.49	+ 0.02	0.01
International	151.90	162.30†	+ 0.30	0.20
Japan	180.90	206.60†	- 0.40	0.01
Pacific	361.20	386.10†	+ 0.20	0.01
Spcs of America	415.80	442.40†	+ 3.40	0.52
Wrldwide Assets Val	45.60	48.74	+ 0.06	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	488.50	522.20†	+ 2.80	3.44
Comm & Gth	40.74	43.55†	+ 0.10	5.33
Smaller Cos	169.30	170.20†	+ 0.20	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	151.80	162.20	+ 0.10	1.50
Recovery	127.20	135.90	+ 0.10	1.93
Mer Mkt & Cstry	141.40	151.10	+ 2.60	0.79
Classic Envelope	326.10	348.60†	+ 0.90	1.93
Technology	156.90	167.70	+ 0.90	0.01
UK Special Sits	420.70	449.70	+ 2.20	1.93

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
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Cntrsit Out Pens	93.45	97.09	- 1.40	3.04
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BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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Capital	62.96	72.32†	+ 0.30	1.94
International	60.19	64.03†	..	..

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
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America	267.70	288.40		
Bond	109.90	114.70†	- 0.20	7.25
Brit Smlr Cos	92.85	98.78†	- 0.02	1.90
Canv & Dom #	82.40	86.38†	+ 0.24	5.82
Europe	212.80	226.70	+ 1.30	0.51
Euro Smlr Cos	96.40	102.70	+ 0.22	0.61
Income Gwth	330.80	351.90	+ 0.30	4.50
Japan	291.60	308.70	- 1.20	..
Latin American	67.30	71.60	+ 0.03	..
Pacific	98.51	104.80	- 0.10	0.77
UK Smlr Cos	49.95	53.14†	+ 0.12	1.43
Japan Fd	885.40	885.50†	- 0.26	..
Mngd Fd	165.80	176.30	+ 0.50	2.58

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Bnt & Overs	270.90	285.20	+ 0.70	1.29
Capital Gwth	106.10	111.70	+ 1.40	2.40
Wrldw Opps	174.60	183.80	+ 7.30	0.45

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Balanced Trusts				
Blue Chip Fd Inc	328.40	345.60	+ 2.0	3.05
European Bd Inc	86.97	90.07†	+ 0.22	7.93
Exempt	70.17	74.84	+ 0.24	4.40
Financial	68.62	73.61	+ 0.02	2.95
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General	268.50	277.60	+ 1.0	2.79
Property	248.90	266.00		3.05
Trustee	170.80	182.60†	+ 0.60	2.56
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†		5.16
Extra Income	111.30	119.70	+ 0.50	4.27
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.18	58.08	+ 0.04	8.68
Income	489.40	523.40†	+ 1.80	4.31
Income Builder	60.53	64.39	+ 0.22	4.90
Intl Income	59.41	63.70†	+ 0.20	3.14
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.10	118.50†	+ 0.40	2.66
Leisure	115.30	123.20	- 1.60	1.69
Recovery	386.90	413.80	+ 1.40	2.93
Smlr Cos Inc	41.72	44.74	+ 0.02	2.05
Special Sits	288.70	284.20	+ 0.50	1.70
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	122.70	130.20	+ 0.40	0.72
Asia Acc	225.90	240.30	- 1.40	0.28
Asia Inc	189.60	147.80	- 2.70	2.26
Euro Smlr Cos	145.30	154.20		0.49
(Accum Units)	155.50	165.00		0.75
Japan & Eastern	164.40	174.00		..
(Accum Units)	166.30	176.00		..
Japan Spec Sits	75.31	79.78	+ 0.10	..
Latin Tech Inc	75.68	80.42	+ 0.49	0.05
Worldwide	159.70	169.50†		0.87

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American Growth	92.63	98.30	+ 0.67	..
Amer Smlr Cos	128.90	136.80	+ 1.90	..
Convertibles	53.36	57.06	+ 0.22	5.70
Eastern	248.20	266.30	+ 2.90	0.19
Equity Income	83.92	89.27†	+ 0.06	4.99
European Growth	286.60	304.20	+ 0.10	0.80
Europe	189.50	203.50	+ 0.30	0.20
German Growth	72.01	76.79	- 0.28	0.50
Global Bond	60.52	63.73†	- 0.01	6.20
Global Emrg	118.90	126.70	- 0.30	..
Japan Growth	194.30	207.10	- 1.00	..
Japan Smalls	163.70	174.50	- 0.60	..
Korea Trust	74.28	82.39	+ 0.10	..
Portfolio	123.40	132.10	+ 0.50	1.93
(Accum Units)	225.00	241.00	+ 0.80	1.80
UK Growth	78.43	84.50	+ 0.22	1.49
UK Smaller Cos	80.73	86.34	- 0.15	1.80
Select Managers	70.56	75.62	+ 0.23	1.10

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Intl Gwth Port Inc	71.01	75.54†	+ 1.44	..
Special Opper Inc	51.82	55.23†	+ 1.36	..

For Brown Dolphin see GEM Dolphin

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Managed Growth	99.69	105.49	+ 0.37	1.97
(Accum Units)	112.05	118.58	+ 0.42	1.97
Smaller Cos	95.26	100.81		1.28
Higher Yield #	42.19	44.65†	+ 0.18	4.78
American Gth Inc	70.47	74.59†		
European Growth	133.77	141.56	- 0.32	..
(Accum Units)	136.41	144.35	- 0.33	..
Glbsit Bond Inc #	36.14	37.19	+ 0.08	7.83
Mngd Philo Inc	38.85	40.75	+ 0.10	1.72
(Accum Units)	40.52	42.86	+ 0.11	1.72
Int Spec Opps	107.10	113.33	- 0.59	..
Pacific Gth	116.66	123.45	- 0.22	..
Formerly LAS				
Uk Growth #	71.21	75.35†	+ 1.45	3.73
(Accum Units) #	72.92	77.16	+ 1.48	3.73
Japan	58.16	61.55†	- 0.07	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	94.00	95.92	+ 0.07	7.46

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
071 480 7216

Short Dated Gilt	64.78	65.62	..	6.24

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
061 837 5060

Environ	147.10	156.50	+ 0.50	1.80
Uk Growth	157.80	167.70†	+ 0.70	2.45
Uk Income	126.80	134.90	+ 0.50	4.52

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0707 651 122

Can Gen Dist	177.60	188.30†	+ 0.70	2.10
<ch> Income Dist	105.00	111.30	+ 0.50	4.49
(Accum Units)	317.00	336.00	+ 1.50	4.49
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.59	40.90†	+ 0.19	6.65

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
064 236 5685 Enq: 064 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

American & Gen	149.98	158.50	+ 1.20	..
European Inc	75.70	80.15	- 0.18	0.69
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.68	81.58	+ 0.61	2.08
Growth	396.30	421.60	+ 0.80	2.62
Income & Growth	378.10	402.30†	+ 1.50	4.20
Accum Units	538.50	574.00	+ 2.30	4.20
Japan & Gen	68.71	72.50	- 0.22	..
Master Portfolio	£97.22	£100.53†	+ 7.00	2.06
(Accum Units)	£115.36	£120.41	+ 8.00	2.06
Special Sits	89.52	95.29†	+ 0.86	2.63
High Yield	£12.34	£12.73	- 3.00	4.64

For Capel House see Newton

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
071 606 0788

Cazenove Portfolio	78.96	84.29†	+ 0.20	2.61
American Portfolio	89.01	94.81	+ 0.27	1.23
European Portfolio	94.85	100.12	- 0.72	0.79
Japanese Portfolio	61.10	64.66†	- 0.11	..
Pacific Portfolio	130.24	140.66	- 0.71	0.93
Uk Inc & Growth	72.34	77.69	+ 0.25	3.43
Utility & Blend	53.74	54.31	+ 0.26	7.08

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071 588 1815

Inv Fnds	627.75	633.45		4.88
Fxd In Sec	147.85	148.20		9.76

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
071 332 9000

UK General Trs	59.99	63.91†	+ 0.17	3.11

CGR-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD
071 588 1815

Inc	618.67	626.52	..	4.98%
Accum	628.31	636.98	..	..
Fixed Int Inc	120.50	120.42	..	9.83
Fixed Int Acc	187.99	187.95	..	..

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
071 937 7557

Int Growth	111.39	121.67	..	..
UK Income	98.13	107.12	..	5.69

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
071 497 6965

Blackwell Intl	73.67	78.67	..	1.55
Bond Str-Tech	25.53	26.79	..	..
Asore Ethical Tst	144.69	152.30	..	0.74
City Fin Assets	63.70	67.77	..	1.32
City Fin America	81.17	85.44	..	..
City Fin Intl	68.07	72.71	..	1.0
City Fin Japan	150.20	158.11†	..	..
Finsec Hse Cos	256.56	277.16†	..	1.78
Finsec Hse Inc	183.62	196.34	..	4.22
Buckley Wrld Gth	113.50	120.74	..	0.19
Kelvest Cap Gth	127.60	135.74	..	..
Pentmount Intl	135.53	148.44	..	4.43
City Fin Philo Inc	30.80	34.07	..	..

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
071 711 0771 Adsfnc 0277 227 300
Emerging Markets 52.37 55.57 + 0.09

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

American Gwth	56.24	59.06	+ 0.37	..
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.89	37.16	- 0.03	0.44
Dragon Growth	83.79	88.22	- 0.06	0.47
Equity High Inc	77.86	82.85	+ 0.24	4.21
Equity Trust	71.57	76.15	+ 0.32	4.21
European Gwth	108.40	114.30	+ 0.32	0.86
Evergreen	27.40	29.31	+ 0.01	..
General Equity	79.25	84.13	+ 0.02	2.73
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.94	35.17†	+ 0.12	8.39
Japan Growth	48.89	52.29	- 0.29	..
Pacific Gwth	47.71	50.75	+ 0.02	2.78
Pref Sec Cos Inc	28.62	30.45	+ 0.03	1.34
(Accum Units)	39.73	31.63	+ 0.03	1.34
Retirement Inc #	24.40	25.96	+ 0.03	6.18
Special Sits	35.77	38.05	+ 0.01	2.11
Uk & Overseas	45.66	48.57	+ 0.03	1.45

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
0534 886 000

Capital	63.31	67.31†	+ 0.21	2.35
Income	56.93	60.86†	+ 0.15	4.34

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
081 686 6815

PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PFT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	148.68	158.17	+ 0.26	5.67
Fixed & Convertible	38.81	41.29†	+ 0.13	7.44
Monthly Inc Plus	47.27	50.29	+ 0.12	6.81
Preference Share	46.07	49.01†	+ 0.06	7.54
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	115.69	123.09†	+ 0.25	7.36
Managed Fund	64.39	68.49	+ 0.26	3.86
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.32	38.64	- 0.13	1.76
(Accum Units)	41.35	44.00	- 0.15	1.76
UK & General	72.42	78.11	+ 0.24	2.84
(Accum Units)	91.89	97.78	+ 0.30	2.84
UK Growth	130.72	139.06	+ 0.16	2.45
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.48	197.32	+ 0.61	0.25
Far Eastern Gith	120.84	128.61	+ 0.43	..
Global Bond	78.16	80.95	+ 0.09	6.38
Japan Growth	113.12	120.34	+ 0.02	..
North Amer Gth	162.17	172.52	+ 1.28	..
Oriental Growth	71.44	76.09	+ 0.39	..
Worldwide Growth	82.36	86.34	+ 0.07	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.80	92.86	+ 0.01	5.69
Hainsmaster Fund	73.43	78.12†	+ 0.16	1.82
Gu/Ter Fund	119.80	127.45†	+ 0.48	3.67

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
0438 744 840

Growth Inc	54.48	57.96†	+ 0.01	3.26
(Accum Units)	59.09	62.76	+ 0.01	3.26
High Income	32.00	34.04	+ 0.02	4.90
Japan	33.76	35.91	- 0.10	..
Smaller Cos Inc	35.51	38.52	- 0.06	2.70
Smaller Cos	38.19	32.11	- 0.08	2.70
North American	31.39	33.34	+ 0.10	0.60
European	35.02	38.31	- 0.03	0.80

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
071 407 6966

Consistent UT	29.09	31.21†	..	3.56

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 356

Growth	134.10	142.70	+ 0.10	2.11
Income	95.37	98.56†	- 0.02	5.31
European	58.22	63.00	+ 0.05	1.90
Recovery	146.49	155.80	+ 0.10	1.94

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
071 283 8494

Equity Dist	755.90	798.40	..	3.79

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
0277 800 370

Fellowship Tst	68.78	73.17	+ 0.23	1.35
Income #	223.70	237.70	+ 0.70	4.86
(Accum Units) #	560.70	586.80	+ 1.80	4.86
Smaller Cos	147.70	157.10†	+ 0.10	0.61
(Accum Units)	180.50	192.00†	+ 0.10	0.61
Inv Portfolio	73.85	78.56	+ 0.25	1.52
High Inc Part #	64.58	68.70	+ 0.14	5.05

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
071 410 0177

Euro Small Cos	£14.80	£15.75	..	..
Japan Small Cos	£11.89	£12.73	..	..
UK Small Cos	£16.67	£17.60†	..	..
US Small Cos	£15.22	£15.71	..	..

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
071 377 6819

Disc Inc	193.40	203.60	..	2.78

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
031 315 2500

European Gwth	257.80	283.10	+ 0.30	0.98
New Asia	193.90	208.90	+ 0.90	0.16
Japan Growth	114.10	121.50	+ 0.20	..
Sep Smlr Co	69.70	69.20	- 0.35	1.52
Nth Amer	255.90	271.30	+ 1.40	0.69
Shtfld Asia Pac Mt	110.70	117.10	- 0.10	0.36
UK Inc & Gwth	198.30	212.50	+ 0.70	3.13

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	137.60	140.00	+ 0.50	1.91
UK High Inc Inc	140.20	146.10	+ 0.60	4.83
(Accum Units)	179.40	190.90	+ 0.70	4.83
UK Prof & F I Inc	55.95	58.28	+ 0.10	6.03
Emergent Opps	76.78	83.61	+ 0.11	1.12

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 080 526

Amerincpa	120.20	127.50	+ 0.40	1.27
Convertibles #	19.71	20.94	+ 0.07	6.69
Equity Income #	118.70	126.10	+ 0.50	4.20
EuroFund	43.63	46.28	- 0.07	0.43
Financial	41.44	44.03	+ 0.07	1.70
Growth & Inc #	219.50	233.20†	+ 0.90	3.30
High Dist #	145.50	154.60	+ 0.60	4.85
International	353.10	385.80	- 0.70	0.13
Int Cap Inc	88.83	94.83†	+ 0.16	2.90
Latin American	29.56	31.41	- 0.05	..
Pacific	74.49	79.16	+ 0.14	..
Preference Shae	21.99	23.36†	+ 0.09	7.05
Tokyo	211.70	224.90	- 1.40	..
UK Smaller Cos	211.60	224.80	- 0.10	1.22

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
071 242 0342

Elcon Trust	186.17	209.46	- 3.17	1.10

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
071 373 7291

Endurance Fd	163.50	195.20	..	1.03

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0268 461 680

European	78.46	80.48	+ 0.10	1.65
Ethical Tst	41.56	43.75†	- 0.10	1.33
Far Eastern	278.99	294.73	+ 0.81	2.04
High Income	123.01	129.48	+ 0.57	5.03
Intl Growth	112.75	118.68	+ 0.34	1.37
North American	105.69	112.30	+ 0.81	1.35
Pelican	109.62	115.39	+ 0.49	3.34
Smaller Cos	64.03	67.40	+ 0.01	2.66
Special Sits	82.56	86.90	- 0.29	2.46
Val of Inv Yrly	171.80	180.63†	+ 0.45	1.80

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
071 407 5666

Smaller Cos Inc	192.18	208.19	- 0.40	1.46
Smaller Cos Acc	336.27	360.28	- 0.71	1.46
Recovery	48.94	50.88	- 0.12	1.39
Recovery Acc	49.48	51.54	- 0.11	1.39

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
0392 412 144

Balanced	107.45	114.31	+ 0.29	6.08
Capital Growth	75.64	81.12	- 0.03	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	41.73	44.54†	+ 0.07	0.65
High Income #	40.91	43.64†	+ 0.05	10.49
Warrant	50.67	54.42	- 0.06	..
Zero Preference	36.65	38.89	+ 0.14	..

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
0273 220 707

Family Assct Tst	72.90	77.65†	+0.210	2.64
Family Income Tst	45.24	45.24†	+0.220	6.37
Family Trust	79.57	84.84†	- 0.23	1.82
United Charities	248.00	263.60	+1.300	3.05

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161

Cash Feed				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.70
Gilt Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	36.12	36.42†	- 0.20	7.81
Intl Bond	37.20	38.21†	+ 0.07	5.39
Income Funds				
High Income	23.61	24.84†	- 0.01	5.25
Income Plus	100.70	110.30	+ 0.30	4.32
American Inc	45.68	48.39†	+ 0.12	2.11
European Income	40.72	43.30	- 0.05	1.78
Far East Inc	59.24	63.00		2.88
Global Convertible	21.81	23.08	+ 0.14	3.75
UK Div Enh	23.13	24.60	+ 0.10	7.51
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.65	63.64	- 0.17	..
American	233.20	247.10	+ 1.40	..
Amer Spec Sits	110.50	117.90	+ 0.70	..
Japan Smaller Cos	36.98	39.45	+ 0.05	..
European	152.30	172.60	- 1.20	..
European Opps	60.65	64.39	- 0.12	..
Global Prm	23.46	24.88	+ 0.05	1.05
UK Growth	65.39	90.88	+ 0.40	..
Growth & Inc	134.29	142.70†	+ 0.70	2.44
Intl PEP Trust	34.88	37.09	+ 0.14	..
Japan Spec Sits	88.85	94.62†	- 0.36	..
Japan	181.70	193.50	+ 0.20	..
Managed Intl	258.30	275.10	+ 1.00	..
Monetrebible	50.04	53.27	+ 0.04	..
Recovery	44.97	47.82	+ 0.31	..
Smlr E Asia	138.60	147.30	+ 1.90	..
Special Sits	484.80	515.50	+ 4.20	..
Specialist Funds				
Cash Access Units	108.08	108.09	- 0.01	5.70

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
071 814 2700

Balanced #	126.00	128.80		1.65
Inc Philo #	80.86	82.38	+ 0.25	4.65
Cap Philo	133.00	135.40†	+ 0.40	0.77
Colonial Opps	113.50	115.70		3.62
Growth Inc	26.55	29.14	+ 0.10	1.65
Private Portfolio	372.80	381.20		1.55

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 291 010
Hyde Foreign & Colonial

European	188.60	114.70		0.59
Emrg Asia	157.30	168.30	+ 1.50	..
High Income	20.60	21.88†	+ 0.02	10.28
Overs Income	98.51	92.52	- 0.03	3.46
UK Growth	100.60	107.60†	+ 0.20	1.71
UK Income	95.88	106.40	+ 0.10	3.85
US Smaller Cos	250.40	310.80	+ 2.70	..

FOSTER & BRATHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
071 407 5959

High Inc Exty	45.65	47.37	+ 0.26	3.45
<do- Inc Tst Inc	69.30	72.77	+ 0.16	4.39
Intl Growth	64.44	67.75	+ 0.05	1.31
Investment Trust	81.80	86.01	+ 0.20	..
UK Smalls Cos	74.68	78.51†	+ 0.19	1.02

FRANKLINSTON UNIT MGMT LTD
071 974 4100

American Growth	55.15	58.41	+58.98	..
(Accum Units)	55.15	58.98	+ 0.57	..
Amer Smlr Cos	469.80	481.80	+ 3.80	..
(Accum Units)	469.70	502.40	+ 3.60	..

Equities close below best

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	398	Abbey Nat	439	+ 4	4.5	11.4
374	238	Abbd Irish	329	+ 4	4.7	10.4
2764	171	Aid Pme 2	2511	+ 7	5.4	*
3308	2462	Bank Ameroc	3251	+ 49		
247	172	Bank Scotland	1956	+ 4	3.2	11.6
459	287	Barclays	3956	+ 3	3.5	14.6
319	246	Bk of Ireland	3151	+ 6	4.7	9.0
9150	3825	Coutts	7150	+ 100		
3650	3300	Close Bros	3525		4.2	10.1
21500	11210	Commercial	17367	- 1525	6.7	*
12500	9500	Dc Ire Nat Y	11625	+ 2125	9.5	*
63440	52700	Deutsche Bk	59371	+ 2371	3.3	*
13150	7200	Exeter Comb	7150		3.8	3.8
90	57	Fleet Nat Fin	68		2.8	43.4
15400	11520	Fst Bank Y	13500	- 1	8.4	14.6
473	209	Hambros	468		1.9	14.6
1111	888	HSBC	1068		4.6	9.7
1153	978	HSBC Hr	1060	- 1	4.6	9.6
443	393	Joseph (L)	440		4.7	*
693	524	Margaret Bus	660		5.6	11.6
688	519	Lloyds	634		5.3	10.7
509	472	Nat Assc Bk	484	+ 6	5.6	*
822	671	Nat Wmns	784	+ 5	5.8	9.4
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150		9.8	*
750	540	Rea Bros	624		4.9	11.9
1158	978	Rbl Sc Coutts	1097	+ 5	4.8	11.4
1454	1050	Schroders	1420	- 15	1.7	12.5
1454	1043	Schroders NV	1420		1.7	12.5
114	75	Singer & Fried	85		4.6	10.9
2894	1931	Stand Chart	2756		3.0	9.1
2911	1931	TSB	2756		3.0	9.1
1015	568	Warburg SG	748		4.7	13.1
5105	3512	Wells Fargo	3987	+ 150	3.0	*
356	198	Wintrust	2320	+ 5	2.5	*
380	203	Wolfsn	298		5.9	15.0

BREWERIES

1025	156	Accss Hldg	154			
613	485	Bass	520	- 20	5.1	12.9
2098	246	Boddington	248		4.2	13.3
198	168	Brkfornd Brwr	183	- 1	3.7	14.5
111	85	Chrlsge P 'A'	105		3.9	20.5
484	342	Fcstrs Brewing	361	- 1	5.1	*
483	342	Fstr Sn 'A'	360		2.7	14.9
511	389	Greenalls Grp	496	- 3	3.8	14.1
584	422	Grmmy Hsng	505	- 12	3.2	13.8
367	258	Hardy Hanson	360	- 2	3.3	*
170	135	Hawthorne	150		3.8	*
3773	3125	Holt J	3375	+ 12	1.8	16.5
248	196	Marchwd	244	+ 4	2.4	14.9
314	256	Morgan Trmp	296	+ 6	3.6	14.9
545	440	Morrison	536		2.8	14.7
10*	6*	Paramount	8		2.8	16.7
309	209	Regent Inns	300	- 6	2.1	26.5
16500	11000	SA Breweries	14450	- 375	2.0	22.3
591	477	Scot & Newc	557	- 4	3.7	14.2
386	315	Vaux Group	365	- 3	5.2	12.7
491	324	Wolverhmpton D	472	+ 1	1.7	15.0
617	494	Whitbread	556	- 28	4.5	14.6
2468	1980	Whitbread A D	2350	- 2	3.5	12.5
1548	1182	Yates Brent	1511	- 5	5.3	11.4
535	458	Young 'A'	468		4.7	19.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

205	130	Abbey*	430		5.0	9.5
200	143	Allen	148	+ 3	4.7	13.9
284	61	Amec	67		3.0	16.5
1655	47	Andrews Sykes	164	- 1		
462	333	Arlecdon	368		1.6	35.6
1191	975	Avondale	999	+ 19	5.6	11.6
41	26	Barley (Bsm) Con	35		2.6	21.4
88	187	Barratt	194			
282	189	Barratt Dev	189		4.4	13.1
168	132	Bellway Homes	153	- 1	3.9	11.9
1153	978	Bellway	1031	- 3	4.8	10.8
58	31	Bethmark	36			31.7
3041	2031	Berkeley Grp	3033	- 3	2.8	10.3
2155	1418	Bett Bros	1780		3.2	9.5
2650	2210	Bovis (Newsy)	2510		3.2	11.1
113	36	Brandon Hire	110	+ 6	1.7	*
225	135	Br Bldg & Eng	195		7.4	8.4
1979	1615	Brwn	1880	- 2	5.9	10.1
1456	1138	CALA	1400		3.5	13.8
34	31	Campbll & Arm	33			
62	44	Clarke T	50		3.0	44.1
19*	12*	Costain	32*			
185	102	Countrywide	162	- 2	5.3	12.5
1328	73	Crest Nicholsn	91	- 1	4.5	14.8
140	91	Cuclass	130		4.6	14.0
30	17	Edmond Hdgs	18		2.1	14.4
473	238	Eve Group*	243		5.7	9.9
49	24	Galliford	36		4.5	*
112	81	Gibbs & Dandy	88		3.5	*
1052	823	Glenlion (Ad)	863		5.1	14.8
86	71	Green (Eng)	84		6.9	25.9
197	131	Havelock Eurp	197		1.9	18.0
166	138	Hawdon-Gaunt	148		2.5	17.0
141	85	Higgs & Hill	95		5.7	*
1119	79	Howard Hdgs	119		3.3	17.7
6	3	Jarvis	4			
138	104	Kelter	106		4.4	12.3
200	158	Laing (J)	196	- 2	5.6	18.1
264	89*	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	91*		6.7	*
145	115	Lon Clydesdale	117		4.3	11.5
468	328	Lovell (Y)	439	+ 1	3.6	9.8
253	196	Maunders (J)	208		3.3	12.4
321	154	McAlpine (A)	163		5.0	29.9
78*	50*	McCarthy & S	54			
64	56	Morgan Sndll	56		0.2	*
185*	94	Mowlem (J)	95		2.6	*
378*	171	Persimmon	173	- 1	6.7	12.6
2468	1430	Pochin	1938	- 15	4.1	23.2
198	116	Prvelling	118		3.9	17.7
116	44*	Raine Ind	50*		7.4	10.5
61	45	Secure Retire	46			14.9
125	58	Redrow	58		3.4	9.7
97	58	Sheffld Pte	58	- 3	1.7	25.5
388	233	Sheriff Hdgsn	350		1.8	16.3
114	62*	Shorco	100	- 4	4.7	14.0
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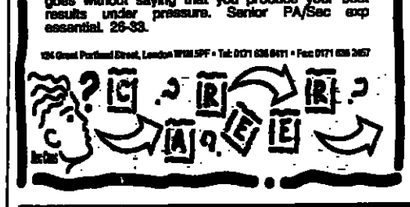
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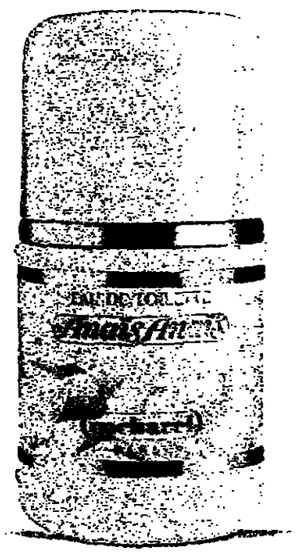
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Controlled water includes dry watercourses

Regina v Dovermoss Ltd
Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Potts and Mr Justice Mitchell
[Judgment February 3]

For the purposes of section 85(1) of the Water Resources Act 1991 the meaning of the word "pollute" was that given in the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and the words "controlled waters" in section 85, as defined by sections 104(1)(c) and 221, applied to watercourses such as streams, ditches, drains, and so on, even if such watercourses overflowed or dried up.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Dovermoss Ltd against its conviction in May 1994 at Carmarthen Crown Court (Judge Prosser, QC and a jury) of pollution contrary to section 85(1) of the Water Resources Act 1991 for which they were fined £500 and ordered to pay £.1000 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Section 85 of the Water Resources Act 1991 provides: "(1) A person contravenes this section if he causes or knowingly permits any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter or any solid waste matter to enter any controlled waters."

Section 104 provides: "(1) ... controlled waters are ... (c) inland freshwaters, that is to say, the waters of any relevant lake or pond or of so much of any relevant river or watercourse as is above the fresh-water limit..."

Section 221 provides "... 'watercourse' includes ... all rivers, streams, ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers and passages through which water flows, except mains and other pipes which — ... (b) are used by a water undertaker ... for the purpose only of providing a supply of water to any premises..."

Mr Geraint A. Jones for the appellant; Mr Richard Griffiths and Miss Julie Vallack for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, giving the judgment of the court, said that the National Rivers Authority, who brought the prosecution, alleged that the appellant company caused slurry to be put on to fields 1 and 2 at a time when the watercourse of a stream ran through field 2.

The fields were adjacent to the Welsh Water treatment works at Llawddog in Dyfed. As a result of the slurry being applied, the raw, subterranean, water became contaminated.

Taste complaints were received from consumers and on examination of the source water at Llawddog it was revealed that ammonia at 0.15 milligrams per litre was present whereas there was usually less than 0.01 milligrams present.

Pollution control officers visited the fields and subsequently gave evidence that at the entrance of field 1, where it joined field 2, there was a small stream whose entry to its normal course was blocked by siltation. That caused water to run across field 2 through the slurry and terminate in puddles near a telegraph pole, a few feet from the water compound containing Llawddog springs.

Mr Newman, who owned the field in question, did not give evidence. On his behalf it was contended that the stream had jumped its course after a heavy downpour and after the material had been spread on the field.

It was submitted that the fact that the rain had caused the stream to jump its normal course and go into a field where it had not run before meant that it was no longer "controlled water" nor did the ammonia levels, which were within the tolerance levels allowed by the relevant regulations, amount to "pollution" within the meaning of section 85.

Mr Jones contended that water was only controlled water while it was flowing in the watercourse. If it had overflowed from it or if the water had been diverted from its normal course, so that it took a different course, as in this case it meandered across a field until eventually disappearing into the ground, it was no longer controlled water. In support of that submission he relied upon the words in the definition of watercourse, "through which water flows".

Their Lordships could not accept that submission. It was plain that the words "through which water flows" governed only the words immediately preceding them, namely sewers and passages. They did not govern rivers, streams, ditches, drains, and so on.

That was obviously good sense because watercourses such as those did not cease to be watercourses simply because they were dry at any particular time. Ditches were often dry for a great part of the year but they did not cease to be watercourses.

Second, section 104(1)(c) referred to "waters of any ... watercourse"; it did not say "waters in any watercourse". If the watercourse was dry at the time the poisonous or noxious matter was put into it no offence was committed unless and until water ran again in the watercourse and the relevant causation was established.

On the question whether the water had been polluted, Mr Jones submitted that the prosecution had to show that some harm had resulted to the water, such that it had a harmful effect on animal or plant life affected by the water. Since the ammonia levels were lower than those permitted by the regulations no such harmful effect was shown.

Their Lordships did not accept that submission. "Pollute", "pollutant" and "pollution" were ordinary English words. The relevant definition of "pollute" in the *Oxford English Dictionary* was "to make physically impure, foul or filthy: to dirty, stain, taint, befoul".

It was quite clear that it was intended to have a different meaning from poisonous or noxious matter, since those words appeared in the section: "noxious" meaning harmful. There was no reason why that dictionary definition should not be adopted.

It would, of course, be a question of fact and degree whether the matter did pollute the water. It was not necessary in such a case to establish actual harm: the likelihood or capability of causing harm to animal or plant life or those who used the water was sufficient.

The final ground of appeal with which it was necessary to deal was that the judge should have acceded to a submission of no case to answer because it had not been proved that the appellant company was the owner/occupier of the farm or that the company carried on the farming enterprise at the farm.

Regrettably, their Lordships felt they were bound to come to the conclusion that no evidence had been put forward to establish that. The point was utterly lacking in merit but their Lordships were reluctantly forced to the conclusion that it was a good one.

Accordingly the appeal against conviction would be allowed on that ground. Costs would be awarded against the National Rivers Authority.

Solicitors: Ungoed-Thomas & King, Carmarthen; Mr David Gibbs, Cardiff.

Power to make order against non-party

In re H (Minors: Prohibited steps order)
Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Sir Ralph Gibson
[Reasons February 2]

A prohibited steps order under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 could be made against a person who was not a party to the proceedings and was not present in court if it was needed to protect the children and no other means of achieving the same object existed.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment giving reasons for its decision on January 13 to allow an appeal by a guardian *ad litem* of four children against the refusal of Judge Charlesworth at Leeds County Court on March 21, 1994 to make a prohibited steps order to prevent J, the mother's former cohabitor, from having contact with or seeking to have contact with the children.

Section 9 of the 1989 Act provides: "(5) No court shall exercise its powers to make a ... prohibited steps order — (a) with a view to achieving a result which could be achieved by making a residence or contact order..."

Mr Paul Isaacs for the guardian *ad litem* and the local authority; Miss Janet Haywood for J.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that on the facts found by the judge it was clear that J, the mother's former cohabitor, posed a risk to all the children if he had contact with them. The judge had made supervision orders with a condition of no contact with J and a prohibited steps order against the mother to prevent contact between the children and J.

The judge had refused to make a prohibited steps order against J on the ground that he had no jurisdiction to do so since J was not a party to the family proceedings. The children had continued to live with the mother.

Mr Isaacs had submitted that the judge was in error in making the prohibited steps order against the mother and in attaching a condition of no contact to the supervision orders. In her Ladyship's judgment his argument was correct and the judge did not have the power to make either order.

The prohibited steps order against the mother appeared to contravene section 9(5) of the 1989 Act since it would achieve the same result as a contact order requiring the mother not to allow contact with J and could be enforced in the same way. Equally, the condition made as part of the supervision order did not appear to come within Schedule 3, Parts 1 and 11. Her Ladyship agreed with Mr Isaacs that such a condition could not be imposed as part of a supervision order.

However, a prohibited steps order which required J not to have nor to seek contact with the children did not contravene section 9(5). If a "no contact" order had been made to the mother the order would have been directed at the mother as the subject of the order and the obligation would have been placed upon her to prevent any contact by the children with J. A contact order directed at the mother would not achieve the required result.

Knowledge of the order against the mother brought specifically to the attention of J might be sufficient to show that he had aided and abetted the mother if she was shown herself to have disobeyed the order. However, there was no evidence to show that the mother would voluntarily bring the children into contact with J.

In any event, even without the practical difficulties of proving knowledge and enforcing the order, it did not provide adequate protection for the children, particularly when they were not in the care of their mother.

They were all of school age and away from their mother for much of the day. With the best will in the world the mother could not protect her children going to or from school or at school or at play nor could the school or even the police in the absence of an injunctive order directed at J.

J had sought to convince the court that it was wrong in principle to make an order against him when he was neither a party nor present in court. He argued that, other than in an emergency, a court ought not to make such an order without giving the person against whom the order was sought an opportunity to be heard.

In her Ladyship's judgment, the variety of circumstances in which a judge, in his discretion, might require to make an injunctive order for the protection of children was so great that would be wrong for the court to lay anything which might reduce the necessary flexibility of that important tool. The making of an ex parte order without notice to the recipient was not limited to family proceedings. In certain cases it was a proper order to make.

Where a person who was not a party to the proceedings wished to object to a prohibited steps order section 10 might present a procedural difficulty if that a person not within the categories set out in that section required leave to be heard on a section 8 application. However, her Ladyship had no doubt that a person against whom such an order was made would be given leave to make a section 8 application to vary or discharge the order.

But in any event the judge had the power to circumvent that procedural difficulty by making an order under section 11(7)(d) which stated that a section 8 order could "make such incidental, supplemental or consequential provision as the court thinks fit."

The court had given J liberty to apply on notice to vary or discharge the order under section 11(7)(d). That was sufficient to meet the justice of the case by giving J an opportunity to be heard but in the meantime providing immediate protection to the children and support for the mother in her efforts to give that protection.

Sir Ralph Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Ford & Warren, Leeds; Lee & Co, Leeds.

Guardian must respect confidentiality

Oxfordshire County Council v P
Before Mr Justice Ward
[Judgment January 20]

An admission made to the guardian *ad litem* by a mother that she had been responsible for her child's injuries was a confidential statement and the guardian was wrong to disclose the confession to a social worker.

It was also wrong that the statement should have been disclosed by the social services department to the police who interviewed the guardian in order to obtain a witness statement. Before the interview the police should have obtained the leave of the court. Proceedings under the Children Act 1989 were confidential.

Mr Justice Ward so held in a chambers judgment in the Family Division, reported with consent, granting the mother's application to replace the guardian *ad litem* in care proceedings relating to her baby son.

Miss Frances Judd for the local authority; Mr Jonathan Baker for the parents; Mr Patrick Smith, solicitor, for the guardian *ad litem*; Mr Richard Bond as *amicus curiae*.

MR JUSTICE WARD said that the boy when 12 weeks old had injuries which were diagnosed as non-accidental. Care proceedings were commenced and a guardian *ad litem* appointed.

The mother confessed to the guardian that she had injured the child when distraught by his crying. The guardian informed the duty social worker. The social services informed the police of the admission and the police interviewed the guardian in order to obtain a witness statement. Criminal proceedings were now pending.

The parents were anxious to be fully frank in the care proceedings but the mother was reluctant to file any statement in case it was used against her in the criminal proceedings and had lost confidence in the guardian *ad litem*.

His Lordship said that information received by the guardian *ad litem* before writing the report was just as confidential as the report itself. Under section 1 of the 1989 Act the court had to give paramount consideration to the child's welfare so there was the duty of full and frank disclosure.

Proceedings under the wardship jurisdiction were confidential and that confidentiality covered reports, statements and proofs of evidence as well as documents filed and evidence. In his Lordship's opinion proceedings under the 1989 Act should be accorded the same treatment.

It followed that the police were wrong to seek to make use of the admission made to the guardian *ad litem* and guardian was wrong to make a witness statement without first having sought the leave of the court for the disclosure. The privilege of waiving confidentiality was that of the court.

To encourage frankness from the parents the guardian had to be replaced even though her work in all other respects had been admirable. The criticism was technical not substantial.

Solicitors: Mr Colin B. Rowland, Oxford; Quinney Chamberlain, Faringdon; Patrick Smith & Co, Wantage; Official Solicitor.

Inferring common intention

Halifax Building Society v Brown and Another
Raphael Zorn Hemsley Ltd v Same

A loan to a married couple from one of their parents to finance a deposit on a house was capable of founding an inference of a common intention to share the property beneficially even if the house was conveyed into the husband's name alone.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Roch) so held on January 26 allowing in part an appeal by Mrs Jane-Ann Marion Brown, the second defendant, against an order of Sir Jonathan Clarke sitting as a deputy judge in Plymouth County Court granting possession of Foreshore House, Cliff Road, Salcombe, Devon to the Halifax Building Society and Raphael Zorn Hemsley Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE referred to *McHardy and Sons (a Firm) v Warren and Another (The Times* April 8, 1994) and said that money said to have been loaned by her husband's mother to Mrs Brown and her husband, Ian K. Brown, to be used as a deposit in the purchase of the first matrimonial home after their marriage in 1957 became the property of both spouses subject to an obligation to repay.

It could lay a basis from which the court could infer the existence of a common intention to share the property beneficially on the principle set out in *Lloyd's Bank v Rossett* ([1991] 1 AC 107, 132H). Mrs Brown had an arguable defence.

Wasted costs warning for practitioners

Practice Direction (Family proceedings: Case management)

Failure by practitioners in family proceedings at all levels to conduct cases economically would incur appropriate orders for costs including wasted costs orders.

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, so stated in a *Practice Direction* issued with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor on January 31.

THE PRESIDENT said:

1 The importance of reducing the cost and delay of civil litigation made it necessary for the court to assert greater control over the preparation for and conduct of hearings than had hitherto been customary.

Failure by practitioners to conduct cases economically would be visited by appropriate orders for costs, including wasted costs orders.

2 The court would accordingly exercise its discretion to limit — (a) discovery; (b) the length of opening and closing oral submissions; (c) the time allowed for the examination and cross-examination of witnesses; (d) the issues on which it wished to be addressed; (e) reading aloud from documents and authorities.

3 Unless otherwise ordered, every witness statement or affidavit would stand as the evidence in chief of the witness concerned. The substance of the evidence which a party intended to adduce at the hearing had to be sufficiently detailed but without prolixity; it had to be confined to material matters of fact, not, (except in the case of the evidence of professional witnesses) of opinion; and if hearsay evidence was to be adduced, the source of the information had to be declared or good reason given for not doing so.

4 It was a duty owed to the court both by the parties and their legal representatives to give full and frank disclosure in ancillary relief applications and also in all matters in respect of children.

The parties and their advisers had also to use their best endeavours: (a) to confine the issues and the evidence called to what was reasonably considered to be essential for the proper presentation of their case; (b) to reduce or eliminate issues for expert evidence; (c) in advance of the hearing to agree which were the issues or the main issues.

5 Unless the nature of the hearing made it unnecessary and in the absence of specific directions, bundles should be agreed and prepared for use by the court, the parties and the witnesses and should be in A4 format where possible, suitably secured. The bundles for use by the court had to be lodged with the court (the Clerk of the Rules in matters in the Royal Courts of Justice, London) at least two clear days before the hearing. Each bundle should be paginated, indexed, wholly legible and arranged chronologically. Where documents were copied unnecessarily or bundled incompetently the cost would be disallowed.

6 In cases estimated to last for five days or more and in which no pretrial review had been ordered, application should be made for a pretrial review. It should when practicable be listed at least three weeks before the hearing and be conducted by the judge or district judge before whom the case was to be heard and should be attended by the advocates who were to represent the parties at the hearing. Whenever possible, all statements of evidence and all reports should be filed before the date of the review and in good time for them to have been considered by all parties.

7 Whenever practicable and in any matter estimated to last five days or more, each party should, not less than two clear days before the hearing, lodge with the court, or the Clerk of the Rules in matters in the RCJ in London, and deliver to other parties, a chronology and a skeleton argument concisely summarising that party's submissions in relation to each of the issues and citing the main authorities relied upon. It was important that skeleton arguments should be brief.

8 In advance of the hearing upon request, or otherwise in course of their opening, parties should be prepared to furnish the court, if there was a core bundle, with a list of documents essential for a proper understanding of the case.

9 The opening speech should be succinct. After conclusion other parties might be invited briefly to amplify their skeleton arguments. In a heavy case the court might in conjunction with final speeches require written submissions including the findings of fact for which each party contended.

10 This *Practice Direction* which followed *Practice Direction (Civil litigation: case management)* (*The Times* January 25) handed down by the Lord Chief Justice and the Vice-Chancellor to apply in the Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions, would apply to all family proceedings in the High Court and in all care centres, family hearing centres and Bodmin county courts. It was issued with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor.

£20 million payment not tax deductible

Vodafone Cellular Ltd v Shaw (Inspector of Taxes)
Before Mr Justice Jacob
[Judgment February 3]

Payment of £20.2 million by a company in the Racal Electronics Group to release it from its obligation to pay 10 per cent of its annual profits to a US company in return for know-how and technical support was not deductible in computing its profits for tax purposes. The payment, although of a revenue nature, was not expended wholly and exclusively for the purposes of the taxpayer company's trade as it was intended also to benefit the trade of other companies in the Racal Group.

Mr Justice Jacob so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer company, Vodafone Cellular Ltd, from the determination of the special commissioners (Judge Stephen Oliver, QC and Mr A. N. Brice) that had upheld the refusal of an inspector of taxes to allow its claims for loss relief in respect of the years to March 1986 and 1987.

Mr Michael Flesch, QC and Mrs Felicity Cullen for the taxpayer company; Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE JACOBS said that in 1982 the Racal Group had sought a licence from the Department of Trade and Industry for a cellular mobile telephone network. To comply with the DTI requirement that a company could not run a network and sell telephones, the taxpayer company formed two subsidiaries, one to run the system and the other to sell telephones. It remained in the middle to co-ordinate the trade.

In 1983 the taxpayer company agreed with Millicom Inc, a US company, to pay 10 per cent of its consolidated pre-tax profits for 15 years in return for the supply of know-how and technical support.

It turned out that the Millicom technology was not that important. Alternative technology was obtained. The 10 per cent fee agreement became a millstone. It was brought to an end in 1986 by the £20.2 million payment.

Two points had to be decided:

1 Whether the payment was a payment of a capital or a revenue nature. The commissioners held in favour of the taxpayer company on that point and the Crown contended they had erred.

2 If the payment was a revenue payment, was it "wholly and exclusively expended for the purposes of the taxpayer company's trade". The commissioners held it was not and was thus prohibited as a deduction by the provisions of section 130(a) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, now section 74 of the 1988 Act.

Capital or revenue?

The question was one of law. The commissioners held that the obligation to pay the 10 per cent fees was of a revenue nature and so its commutation was a revenue item.

Mr Henderson, relying on *Van den Berghs Ltd v Clark* ([1935] AC 431) argued that the commissioners had applied the wrong test; he pointed to the well known speech of Viscount Cave, Lord Chancellor, in *British Insulated and Helsby Cables Ltd v Atherton* ([1926] AC 205, 212) that "when an expenditure is made, not only once and for all, but with a view to bringing into existence an asset or an advantage for the enduring benefit of a trade ... there was very good reason ... for treating [it] as properly attributable not to revenue but to capital."

There was apparent force in what Mr Henderson submitted. But in *Fleming v Bellow Machine Co Ltd* ([1965] 1 WLR 873) Mr Justice Pennycuick had applied *Van den Bergs* as part of his *ratio*.

When applying the "enduring" test to a contract which did not go to the heart of the structure of a company's profit-generating apparatus, one was unlikely to regard that contract as part of the company's capital. It could not be said that the commissioners' decision was wrong.

Wholly and exclusively?

Given the fact that in general terms the telephone trade that was set up was operated by the taxpayer company and its subsidiaries, was the payment "wholly and exclusively" for the taxpayer company's trade as opposed to that of all three companies? The commissioners held that it was the latter so that the payments could not be deducted.

Here, the commissioners' decision was one of fact. It could only be interfered with if they had misdirected themselves in law or if there was no evidence which entitled them to reach their conclusion.

Mr Flesch said that the commissioners had gone wrong on their findings of fact. The taxpayer company had, he said, its own distinct business and the payment was to rid itself of a legal obligation on it: that payment was for the benefit of its own trade and there was no "inescapable" purpose of benefiting the subsidiaries.

The argument was attractive in its elegance but unattractive in its common sense. It failed to take into account the commissioners' finding that the directors regarded "the taxpayer company with its two subsidiaries as one functioning trading entity as far as its relationship with Millicom was concerned".

The commissioners had come to a correct conclusion. In a sense it was a bit of hard luck because there would have been a different result on that point if there had been only one company.

Solicitors: Mr David Whitaker, Newbury (Racal), Mr F. R. Scott, Newbury (Vodaphone) and Stephenson Harwood; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Cutting waste of time

Regina v Naylor

Although the court would always be astute to guard against unfairness, it would robustly support judges who intervened to prevent time wasting and argumentative cross-examination.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Henry, Mr Justice Ian Kennedy and Mr Justice Tuckey) so stated on February 2 when dismissing the appeal of George Naylor against his conviction on July 15, 1994 at Liverpool Crown Court (Judge Clark and a jury) of indecent assault on a male.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the appellant appealed, inter alia, on the ground that the judge had persistently interrupted counsel while she was cross-examining police officers about the procedures adopted in interviewing the complainant aged 12.

When a fundamental attack of that nature on the fairness of the proceedings was made, the single judge, who had no transcript of the proceedings, had little option but to give leave to appeal. A study of the transcript showed that the judge had been entirely right in intervening.

Time wasted in one person's defence was court time and legal aid money denied to another and judges could and should stop time being wasted.

Where counsel asserted matters relating to unfairness of the trial process which were shown on appeal to be quite unsustainable and to be complaints which should never have been made, the court would in future consider whether to make a wasted costs order.

Correction

In *Scott v Westminster City Council* (*The Times* February 7) counsel for Westminster was Mr Simon Blackford.

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We're just putty in their hands

Millions of adults have discovered the delights of animation, thanks to the success of British animators. Joe Joseph reports



BBC

Plasticine stars: almost ten million people tuned in to watch Nick Park's ***The Wrong Trousers*** *on BBC1 on Christmas Day, a staggering 45 per cent of the audience*

Animation may not be the most glamorous branch of the British film business. It does not, for instance, provoke Dickie Attenborough to weep hot tears on the steps of Downing Street in pursuit of government handouts. And while Nick Park may have won Oscars for charting the adventures of his clay creatures Wallace and Grommet, it is hardly *what you would call the Hollywood* highlife: when your female lead is only nine inches high and made of Plasticine, the idea of a movie mogul casting couch is not just a little preposterous, it may be illegal.

But in spite of all this, British animation is booming. Adults in Britain have become keen watchers, not just of the recent half-hour series of Shakespeare-in-a-nutshell, or the similar alchemy worked on the six operas that are being aired on BBC2 from this Friday night. Wallace and Grommet, stars of Park's *The Wrong Trousers*, drew 9.5 million viewers on BBC1 on Christmas Day, 45 per cent of the audience. And foreign audiences have proved just as enthusiastic.

"If you go to any major international animation festival," says Colin Rose, executive producer of animation at the BBC, "Britain is seen as the place where the highest quality and most innovative work is going on."

Aardman Animation, the Bristol-based company for which Park works, has put together a subtitled, 90-minute compilation of three of Park's films — *A Grand Day Out*, *Creature Comforts* and *The Wrong Trousers*. It is filling cinemas in France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Finland. Naturally, even the big boys in California have started to notice.

"We are constantly approached from all around the world to get involved in projects," says Michael Rose, head of development at Aardman, a studio now well-known in the industry, "*and* in Hollywood. We get our phone calls returned. That's the ultimate success in the film business. It shows that you've arrived.

"There's an ingenuity, and a level of innovation in British animation that is unrivalled at the moment. There's been a shift in the culture. In the 1960s, animation was cartoons — Walt Disney, Warner Bros. Channel 4 came along and deliberately set out to commission adult animation. Animation has always had the capacity for that, but it's only in the last 10 to 15 years, through television, that the money has been available to exploit that."

Clare Kitson, who does the commissioning for Channel 4, says: "Britain is regarded as the best, without any doubt. Out of the last four years, Britain has won three Oscars for best animated film. But even in the year we didn't win, the majority of nominations were British. There is a new European prize, The Golden Cartoon, created three years ago. All three have been won by British animators.

"It's the most successful part of the British film industry. Certainly in terms of prizes. But it does still seem to be regarded as the poor relation to film. If you go to Russia, animators there are part of the intelligentsia."

The economics of the television business have magnified the boom. Michael Shields, who used to develop and market children's animation for the BBC before setting up his own animated film company, called EVA, defines several structural reasons for animation's popularity over the past five years. "Financing of new productions has become more sophisticated, which has made co-financing much easier. There's more international collaboration. Compared with some other categories — live action in particular — animation lends itself to international markets because you only need to change the soundtrack and it looks like it's home-made. Also animation has a longer shelf-life, it goes out of date more slowly. And in the children's area, there is more opportunity to exploit related markets, such as books, videos and toys."

But why has Britain benefited so handsomely? "Because there's an awful lot of creative talent in animation in Britain," says Shields. "There is a strong literary tradition here. Also the animated commercial industry is very vibrant and healthy. This allows a lot of animators and directors to make a commercial living, while still leaving time to make their own films."

Chris Grace of the Welsh television channel S4C, who has been the driving force behind the animated Shakespeares and also *Operavox*, the six-part series that has turned *Carmen*, *The Magic Flute*, *Rigoletto*, *Rhinegold*, *The Barber of Seville* and *Turandot* into half-hour films using various animation techniques, is already turning the Bible into a dozen animated slices. Then he dreams of tackling Chaucer, *Don Quixote*, Pushkin, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. "I'm aiming for a catalogue of over 50 half-hours by the end of the millennium. When we finish the Bible we'll have 30."

At the BBC Colin Rose feels that the corporation, although it came late on the scene, can chip in its expertise in bringing in "a heavy dose of script-editing discipline". He says: "The BBC have only been active in animation — for adults and family audiences as opposed to for children — since 1991. We persuaded Alan Yentob, who was then head of BBC2, that it was time to get into this area. It was a hunch. And I suppose that hunch has been justified by the 9.5 million who watched *The Wrong Trousers*."

Although Nick Park can now claim celebrity status there are others close behind him. Channel 4 is thrilled about a new short by David Fine and Alison Snowdon called *Bob's Birthday*, about a surprise party held for a 40-year-old dentist that goes horribly wrong. Chuck Jones, the famous American animator of Bugs Bunny and Road-Runner, this week chose the Manchester-based Cosgrove Hall animation team to work with him on a $3.5 million animated film of *Peter and the Wolf*. The new Beatrix Potter films and Raymond Briggs's *Snowman* have also wooed children and parents to the screen.

Meanwhile, we wait for Park's next venture, called *A Close Shave*, another comedy thriller in which Wallace and Grommet set up a window cleaning business. It will be broadcast at Christmas. "There is a love interest for Wallace, called Wendolene," says Michael Rose. What, Plasticine rumpy-pumpy? "It contains rustling and porridge. That's all I can say at the moment."

JAZZ

Nations under a groove

MIAMI-BORN pianist Andrea Vicari describes her music as "essentially a rhythmic sound with many varied grooves: Latin, South African, very ECM-based. Melodic, with unusual harmonies." As a description of what listeners might expect to hear this could hardly be bettered.

Beginning this free lunch-time concert with two originals from her album of last year, *Train-in* — the jaunty *Bed Springs* and the harder-edged *You're Reported* — Vicari demonstrated the accuracy of each of the apparently incompatible tags "rhythmic" and "ECM-based".

Manfred Eicher's recording label ECM is generally regarded — not entirely fairly, it must be said — as the home of lyrical, contemplative jazz. Its appeal is based more on subtle delicacy and nuance than on rhythm, and Vicari's deft, luminous piano sound would not, on the face of it, be wildly out of place there. But her music also has a robustness deriving from township music and salsa.

Although Vicari does, to a certain extent, embody both these ostensibly contradictory qualities in her playing, the power of her quartet's music comes more frequently from Mornington Lockett's sinewy, passionate tenor.

Thus, in two pieces — *L'Orchestre des Fous* and the brisk, Latin-tinged *Pegasus* — Vicari was content to build her solos slowly and carefully, while the saxophonist provided a highly effective contrast, blustering his way through her tunes' changes and negotiating their often tricky time signatures with almost swaggering assurance.

But if the way in which the two main soloists complement each other is the band's most obvious attraction, it is the bright lucidity of Vicari's compositions which lingers in the mind. The suitability of her themes as vehicles for relatively straightforward blowing bespeaks a clarity of vision rare in so youthful a composer.

Andrea Vicari
Festival Hall Foyer

CHRIS PARKER

CINEMA: 'Splatter comedy' director Peter Jackson goes legit (nearly) with *Heavenly Creatures*

Natural-born culler

There is an irony here. Peter Jackson, director of arguably the most tasteless films ever released in Britain, has just produced a mainstream work of astonishing emotional resonance and complexity. Already the recipient of the Silver Lion at last September's Venice Film Festival, the director's fourth film, *Heavenly Creatures*, has attracted critical acclaim from Auckland to Washington. This week the film arrives in London, stamped with an 18 certificate.

Jackson, a New Zealander who finds humour in the most unexpected of places, is not amused. "The idea that nobody under the age of 18 can see *Heavenly Creatures* in Britain is totally ludicrous," he says. "In Australia and New Zealand anybody can get in to see it. The film has one murder which is neither condoned nor glorified. If anything, it depicts murder as a terribly sad event: something, I would have thought, the censor would welcome. The 18 certificate is obviously a knee-jerk reaction to the social and economic problems of your country."

More to the point, it is remarkable that Jackson's three previous films — *Bad Taste*, *Meet the Feebles* and *Braindead* — received distribution in Britain at all. Bulldozing the depths of acceptability, Jackson's "splatter comedies" left no sacred cow unslaughtered. In *Bad Taste* an alien feeds on a snack of brains straight from a skull; in *Braindead* a baby is reduced to muesli in a blender.

But, while *Heavenly Creatures* deals with one of the most sensational murders in New Zealand history, it investigates the psychological nuances of the case rather than the lurid ones. In 1954 Pauline Parker, a 16-year-old New Zealand schoolgirl, and Juliet Hulme, 15, her inseparable English soulmate, bludgeoned Pauline's mother to death. The motive: to prevent Mrs Parker from separating the two girls who had, she felt, become "unwholesomely" close.

At the time, the tabloid press painted the girls as indefensible killers and made much of their so-called "lesbian" relationship. But the film chooses to scout the extraordinary kinship that set Pauline and Juliet apart from their family and classmates, and explores the fertile, imaginary "fourth world" that they inhabited. With Jackson behind the camera, this commendable approach came as an enormous surprise to many and as a great relief to others.

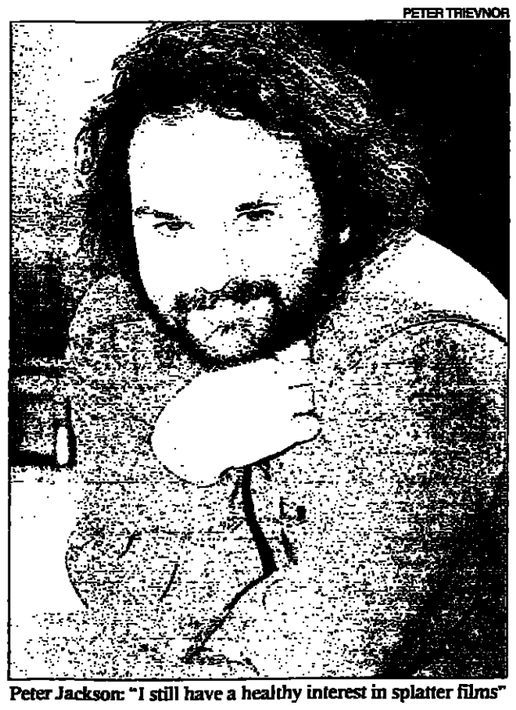
"I still have as much of a healthy interest in splatter films as I did two or three years ago," Jackson says. "But the point of my earlier films was to make people laugh — never, ever to horrify. However, it was obviously inappropriate to tell the Parker-Hulme story in that fashion. *Heavenly Creatures* was an attempt to make an accurate version of what happened before and up to the murder.

"There's been a mythology perpetuated over the years that Pauline and Juliet were somehow evil. They obviously were at the moment that they killed Pauline's mother; but what was never examined was the pressure they were under.

"Glamorising the killing was the last thing I wanted to do. I thought briefly about not showing the murder at all, and putting an explanatory caption across the screen. But then I thought that might be responsible for turning them into martyrs. To show the girls in a sympathetic light and then not show the horror of what they had done would be letting them off the hook.

"Of course, you can't make fun of a real person being murdered. Even I have to draw the line somewhere. But I think my sense of humour is apparent. I made fun of aspects of the friendship between the two girls. Because it *was* funny. Certain entries in Pauline's diary reveal the humour that the two girls shared."

PETER TRIEVNOR



Peter Jackson: "I still have a healthy interest in splatter films"

Until recently, Jackson had had little experience directing actors. On his first film, *Bad Taste*, he and his mates pitched in to play a variety of hicks and aliens, while on *Feebles* he had only a cast of puppets to supervise. On *Braindead* his actors had little to do other than circumnavigate the latex and ketchup. But *Heavenly Creatures* is distinguished by some first-rate acting.

"You have to make it real for the actors," Jackson says. "When the girls [played by newcomers Melanie Lynskey and Kate Winslet] are crying on screen, they're not acting tears, they're crying about things that really made them upset. Towards the end of the film Melanie had to have this hatred radiating out of her eyes. But Melanie's not a hateful person. So Sarah Peirse, who plays Pauline's mother, would take Melanie off the set and scream at her. Then she'd lead her back and Melanie's face would be flushed and her eyes would be shining with this intensity. Then we'd roll the cameras."

While it is tempting to speculate that Jackson has achieved his entrée to Hollywood on the coat-tails of *Heavenly Creatures*, it is not so. The filmmaker was already in talks with Robert Zemeckis, director of *Forrest Gump*, before his new picture was released. In fact, Zemeckis is such a fan of Jackson's earlier work that he is involved with producing his next film. This is *The Frighteners*, which Jackson describes as "a supernatural black comedy action-thriller".

The collaboration of Zemeckis and Fox demonstrates how far Jackson has come in the past decade. *Bad Taste*, originally conceived as a ten-minute short, was, for the most part, filmed completely mute on a spring-drive Bolex over a four-year period. During that time two of the stars became engaged, married and had children. Another retired, one divorced and another died.

Jackson himself celebrated four birthdays — all, appropriately enough, on Hallowe'en.

JAMES CAMERON WILSON

● Heavenly Creatures *is released on Friday, and reviewed tomorrow*

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HAMLET The first production at the Gielgud closes this week — so don't miss your chance to see Stephen Dillane's darkly humorous, self-detesting Prince. Backed by excellent playing from Michael Pennington, Donald Sinden and Alan Dobie; Peter Hall directs
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat today and Sat, 2pm Ⓢ

STRICTLY ENTRE NOUS Dudley Sutton plays W H Auden when old and Rupert Holiday-Evans his reproachful younger self in Vince Foxall's play, set in a shabby Viennese hotel. Bill Pryde directs
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DOUBLE-BILL AT THE WIGMORE French pianists **Trio Wanderer** give another of the Wigmore's excellent live broadcast Rush Hour Concerts this evening with a programme of Haydn and Mendelssohn. The ever-stylish **Endellion String Quartet** then take to the stage with a recital of works by Haydn, Bartok and Beethoven as part of the Master Concert series.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Tonight, 6pm (live on BBC Radio 3); 8pm (limited seats) Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Lawrence Foster and the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** open tonight's programme with two not-often heard works. Verdi's overture, *The Force of Destiny* and Haydn's Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Cello, Oboe and Bassoon. The programme concludes with Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333) Tonight, 7.30pm and Sat, 7pm. A free *Sounds Interesting* talk at 6.15pm Ⓢ

EDINBURGH. Lindsay Kemp offers up his fascinating reworking of **Cinderella**, subtitled "A Gothic Operetta" and set in a jungle palace choking on its own decadence. Superb music by Carlos Miranda.
Festival, Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Tonight-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5pm and 9pm Ⓢ

OXFORD: Rambert Dance continues its relaunch tour this week with further performances of director Christopher Bruce's *Sergeant Early's Dream* paired with Martha Clarke's *The Garden of Earthly Delights* and a triple bill on Friday and Saturday of works by Jiří Kylián, Ohad Naharin and Bruce Ⓢ
Apollo, George Street (01865 244544) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

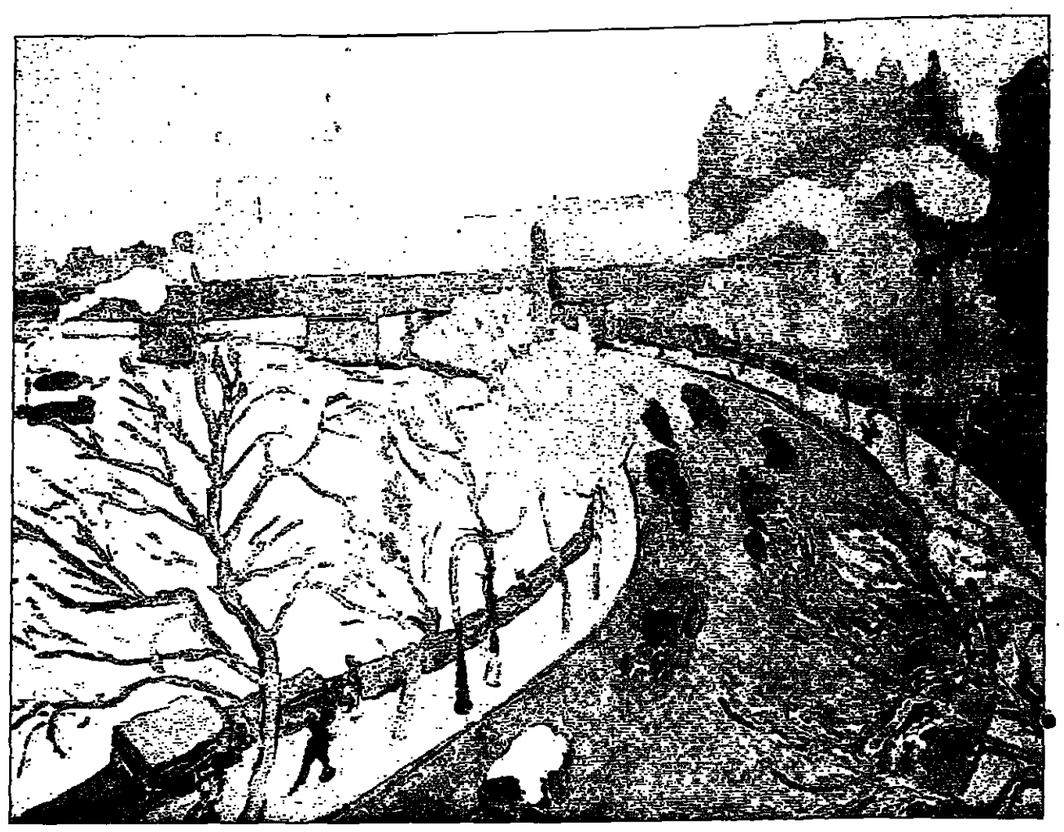
POOLE: The magnificent pianist Alicia de Larrocha joins Andrew Litton and the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** for an all-too brief series this week. Tonight and tomorrow's programme is Stravinsky's *The Fairy Kiss*, Mozart's Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor, K466 and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 3 in D, *Polish*. On Friday the Tchaikovsky changes to Symphony No 4.
Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre Ⓢ (0202 685222). Tonight, 7.30pm. Tomorrow in **Basingstoke**, Anvil Ⓢ (0256 844244) and Fri, **Plymouth**, Pavilions Ⓢ (0752 222200).

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican. Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . . **British Museum:** Chinese Arms and Armour (0171-636 1555) . . . **Courtauld:** Frank Dobson: Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) . . . **National Gallery:** The Age of Elegance; Holbein: Portrait of Erasmus (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Christina Rossetti, final week (0171-306 0055) . . . **Richard Figan:** Poussin Before Rome (0171-930 0020) **Royal Academy:** Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine:** Man Ray (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate:** New Displays 1995 (0171-887 8000) . . . **V&A:** Streetstyle, the Ironwork and Glass Galleries (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel:** Worlds in a Box, final week (0171-522 7888)

Encounters with aliens

Continental views of England dominate the two big winter shows in Paris, writes **John Russell Taylor**



The Fauvist André Derain's *Le Pont de Westminster* (c.1906), "transfigured by lights and colours that never were"

The perennial love affair between British collectors and Poussin explains the appearance in London of the Poussin tercentenary show immediately after it closed in Paris. But the chances of the two major shows of the winter season in Paris, devoted to **André Derain** and **Kurt Schwitters**, crossing the Channel would always be minimal, even though both artists spent key periods of their career in England.

Derain's working trips to London in 1905-06 lasted little more than three months, but the paintings he made then of scenes along the Thames — suggested, perhaps, by Monet's favourite locations a decade or so earlier — emerge in the giant retrospective at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris as the pinnacle of his art. Not only that, but some of Derain's discoveries in the British Museum of tribal art from Africa and New Zealand had a radical effect on his subsequent career, setting him independently on the same track as Picasso, whose enthusiasm for "primitive" art led to the creation, a year or two later, of *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon*, the watershed work in 20th-century art.

Derain's temperament and talents were very different to Picasso's. Although he became one of the most important artist-collectors of tribal art — his first contact with it (at the age of 25) was an important catalyst in his development — as a painter he peaked early and always seemed at his best when at his least learned.

The visits to London came immediately after he had been working closely with Matisse and Vlaminck. Together they had developed the Fauve style of painting. This, with its brilliant kaleidoscope of colours, began with the experience of the eye, but transformed it in accordance with the instinctive, emotional responses of the artist. Derain's London landscapes are transfigured by lights and colours that never were, and the results are breathtaking.

Never again in his long and productive career (he died in 1954, at the age of 74) did Derain touch comparable heights. Perhaps the stop-at-nothing ebullience of youth was tamed by too much thought about what sort of artist he should be. Under the influence of the Cubists he moderated his colours to the politically correct range of earthen shades. With the artistic "recall to order" at the end of the First World War, he sent himself back to school with the Old Masters, and worked very hard on his draughtsmanship, though this seemed contrary to his natural bent. In fact, his drawing always remained rather maladroit, and his paintings based on classical draughtsmanship work best — perhaps only work at all — when the sheer struggle to get it right sets up strange interior tensions.

For example, the Tate Gallery's recent acquisition *The Painter and His Family* (c.1939), is haunting mainly because of its uneasy quality: a complicated composition is held together by sheer willpower, and the awkwardness of the poses creates a slightly surreal atmosphere such as one finds also in the contemporary works of Balthus. In later years, Derain seemed wholly at ease when freed from the psychological constraints of fine art by working in the theatre or illustrating texts such as the *Satiricon* or Rabelais's *Pantagruel*.

His very last paintings, almost monochromatic landscapes characterised as "sinister" or "sad", or pictures of bacchantes by moonlight, take on a new and unexpected energy by reducing their means to a few cartoony brushstrokes on a dark background. But, despite the assiduity of his later efforts, it is as a painter of a London improbably blazing with tropical colour that Derain ensured his own immortality.

The circumstances of Schwitters's arrival in Britain were decidedly less auspicious. Driven from Germany by the rise of the Nazis, he settled in Norway, only to flee again from the German invasion in 1940. Britain in those days was not, despite the *succès de scandale* of the International Surrealist Exhibition in 1936, notably sympathetic to the avant-garde in any shape or form.

Moreover, Schwitters was by no means the most famous of his Dada-influenced generation, and the little fame he had enjoyed had vanished during his Norwegian years. He settled in the Lake District, known to locals only as an eccentric who was willing to paint portraits in return for food and fuel. Although these portraits, like the straightforward landscapes he painted in Norway, are surprisingly proficient, no one has yet tried to make great claims for them: in the enormous show at the Centre Pompidou they are relegated to a small room right at the end.

But also, while in Britain, Schwitters continued to make some of his most delicate and evocative collages using bits and pieces from the magazines of the day, as well as working on a third *Merzbau*, a sort of surreal environmental sculpture for which purpose, this time, he made over a tumbledown sheep shelter near Ambleside.

The show in general tells us more than ever how Schwitters arrived at this point. Very early, expressionistic paintings are succeeded by Purist abstractions and Dada sculptures and collages, as well as a complete walk-in reconstruction of the first *Merzbau* (1923).

In a sense, Schwitters chose to make himself an outsider and a victim of authority, these being by definition the roles of Dadaists and Surrealists; he can have had little time for commercially successful members of the movement whose rebellion was all on the surface and extravagantly well-publicised.

The stance is sympathetic. But whether it makes him necessarily into a major artist is still, even after all the reverent exposure he has received in recent years, open to doubt.

● André Derain *is at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, 11 Avenue du Président Wilson (47.33.81.27) until March 19. Kurt Schwitters is at the Centre Pompidou (44.78.12.33) until February 20*

OTHER PARIS EXHIBITIONS

Bill Brandt, the classic British photographer (although he emigrated as a child from Germany), is given a comprehensive retrospective. There is a particular emphasis on the close links in his work (as in that of contemporary British organisations like Mass Observation) between documentary and surrealism.

The early pictures of domestic life in the 1930s and the late abstract nudes are particularly impressive.
Centre National de la Photographie, Hôtel Salomon de Rothschild, 11 rue Berryer (53.76.12.31) until February 27

☐ Nantes, as well as having one of the largest and best-appointed provincial art museums in France, has been the beneficiary of one of the most important 18th-century art collectors, François Cacault, who specialised in Italian art.

The present show, *Peintures Italiennes du Musée des Beaux-arts de Nantes*, takes its tone and shape from Cacault's collection, and consists of 70 works from the 17th and 18th centuries, from Guido Reni to Canova.
Musée du Luxembourg, 19 rue Vaugirard (42.34.25.95) until April 16

☐ The history of the bedroom is presented in 11 stages, suggesting the evolution of taste from the Cardinal de Rohan to Henri Salvador. The whole thing has been created *mise en scène* by the theatre designers Alain Chambon and Jean-Louis Benoît, and reflects the values of the great, the famous and the (sometimes) good rather than the everyday man-in-the-bed.

Because of the extreme theatricality of the lighting, however, the experience of *Reves d'Alcove* is more often evocative than informative.
Musée des Arts Décoratifs, 107 rue de Rivoli (44.55.57.50) until April 30

☐ An obsessive concern with packaging and presentation rather than content may seem to be a specifically late 20th-century phenomenon, but *Mise en Boîte* suggests otherwise, and that such concerns go back at least to the mid-19th century, when tin plate became an important part in the packaging of foods. (The "boîtes" in question include tins as well as metal boxes.)

An amazing variety of decoration, impressed and painted, makes this an unexpectedly colourful show.
Musée des Arts et Traditions Populaires, 6 rue du Mahatma Gandhi (44.17.60.00) until April 17

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
Ⓢ **Some seats available**
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■ **AS YOU LIKE IT** Cheek by Jowl's all-male Shakespeare, spare, inventive, endearingly funny, with Adrian Lester a ravishing Rosalind. Declan Donnellan directs
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats today and Sat, 2.30pm. Final week.

☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE** Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm

■ **CREDITORS** Incoming production from Theatre Fusion of Strindberg's play for three characters, wife, new husband and embittered former husband.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (0171-229 0706) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until Feb 25

☐ **EASTER** Strindberg's drama of shame, self-pity, penance, clairvoyant joy in nature and the freedom of springtime. Katie Mitchell directs
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE LIVE BED SHOW** Arthur Smith's revised version of his 1989 Edinburgh Festival comedy. Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6.30pm and 8.45pm.

Ⓢ **MAMA I WANT TO SING:** The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). Cast includes the charismatic Chaka Khan.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8

☐ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR.** Terry Hands's first production here, after his long time in charge of the RSC. Denis Quilley plays the fat knight outwitted by the wives
National (Olivier), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm. Ⓢ

Ⓢ **SUZANNA ANDLER.** Susan Hampshire plays the enigmatic heroine in Marguerite Duras's lyrical drama of late love. Lisa Forrell directs the author's recently revived text.
BAC 1, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223) Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; Sun, 5.30pm. Until Feb 26. Ⓢ

☐ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL:** Award-winning performance from Lilo Baur in Simon McBurney's thrilling production on the loves and anguish of peasant life. Theatre de Complicite begin an international tour here
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

Ⓢ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA:** Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival of Kurt Weill's opera. Tom Hollander sings Macheath and words by the team of writers customarily known as "Bertolt Brecht".
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **ZORRO — THE MUSICAL.** The masked swashbuckler of comics legend returns to twirl his cape in Ken Hill's latest (and sadly last) musical romp. Sylvester McCoy also in the cast.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Feb 14. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . . ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . . ☐ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Copacabana:** Prince of Wales (0171-839 5372) . . . ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (0171-494 5045) . . . Ⓢ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . . Ⓢ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) . . . Ⓢ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . . ☐ **Neville's Island:** Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . . ■ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ☐ **On Approval:** Playhouse (0171-839 4401) . . . Ⓢ **A Passionate Woman:** Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **She Loves Me.** Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . Ⓢ **The Sisters Rosensweig:** Old Vic (0171-928 7616) . . . Ⓢ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . . Ⓢ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . ■ **Three Tall Women:** Wyndhams (0171-369 1736) . . . ☐ **Women in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

I LIKE IT LIKE THAT (15): Cheerful drama of Bronx family life from debuting director Darnell Martin, with Lauren Velez and Jon Seda.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031)

LEON (18): Precious child shelters under a hitman's wing. Sleek, empty thriller shot in New York by French director Luc Besson. With Jean Reno, Natalie Portman and Gary Oldman
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE** (18): Frolics and chicanery at a turn-of-the-century sanitarium. Overdone health food satire, with Anthony Hopkins, Bridget Fonda, Matthew Broderick. Director, Alan Parker.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (792 3332)

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AMATEUR (15): Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Clunky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley, with Martin Donovan and Isabelle Huppert.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

BARCELONA (12): What Stillman's successor to *Metropolitan*, an agreeable blend of romance, politics and disco dancing, set during the early 1980s. With Taylor Nichols and Chris Eigeman.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426-915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Cameo-strewn cast includes Uma Thurman, Keanu Reeves, Lorane Bracco, John Hurt, Buck Henry.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
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THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl
Metro (0171-437 0757)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **LA REINE MARGOT** (18): Bloody, brooding, occasionally impressive French history lesson, with Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Auteuil. Director, Patrice Chéreau.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **SHALLOW GRAVE** (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry Fox, Christopher Eccleston and Ewan McGregor.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772)

◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative bid for fun; with Jaye Davidson. Director, Roland Emmerich
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

SUTURE: Hypnotic melodrama with avant-garde trimmings from new American film-makers Scott McGehee and David Siegel.
Everyman Ⓢ (0171-435 1525) **ICA** Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

◆ **TIMECOP** (18): Tedious, violent tale of Jean-Claude Van Damme's time-travelling cop. With Mia Sara, Ron Silver. Director, Peter Hyams
Empire Ⓢ (0800 888311) Ⓢ **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3303)

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After nearly 30 years, the stage version of *The Servant* returns, fully and finally out of the closet. **Joseph Williams** reports



The love that did not even come close to speaking its name: Dirk Bogarde and James Fox in Joseph Losey's film of *The Servant*

Sinister, creepy, weird: adjectives often applied to Joseph Losey's 1963 film, *The Servant*. The chilling screenplay, written by Harold Pinter, had Dirk Bogarde as the unctuous manservant, Barrett, James Fox as Tony, his weak, handsome, upper-class master, and Sarah Miles as the nymphomaniac Vera, invited by Barrett into the household to corrupt Tony and oust his fiancée.

But, just as Barrett eventually takes complete control of Tony, so the film itself has taken over the original 1948 novel, and a 1950s stage version, which is hardly ever performed in Britain.

Both novel and play were written by a raffish, bisexual former British Army officer: Robin Maugham, nephew of the writer Somerset Maugham. Far from evoking the decadent Chelsea of the 1960s, the original *Servant* was set in the 1940s, when servants were much more common.

Birmingham Repertory is mounting the first production of the play since the 1960s, restoring the original flavour. "Maugham's parents didn't want him to publish the novel at all," says Bill Alexander, the director of Birmingham Rep's production. "They thought it was a disgusting and sinister piece of work with all kinds of subtextual implications.

"There is a subtext into which the film doesn't really go. It's to do with the exact nature of the relationship between the characters in the play, which Losey didn't try to explore in the film.

"We're making this production as much as possible about an emerging and peculiar relationship between the two central men, rather than, as the screenplay made it, a very Pinteresque piece of takeover — of territory being hijacked by one character from another.

"On a more universal level, it's to do with dependency and servitude and dominance: themes that never go away."

Alexander believes there is "a strong homoerotic subtext to it. It wasn't talked about; it was all illegal then. Maugham was told: 'You'll never get this on either stage or screen: people won't take it.' The sexuality is quite explicit, which made it a bit of a sensation in 1948, and led people to believe it could never be presented in a more public form."

Maugham based the character of Vera on a teenage girl who once seduced him in a wood, and Barrett on a servant — "softly moving and soft-voiced" — who made Maugham shudder as he entered a room.

Bryan Connon, who is writing a biography of the Maugham family, says: "Robin was a member of the upper class, and I'm not sure that we have a distinct equivalent today. He was very much the heroic young officer, a veteran of the Desert War against Rommel. In the novel he was writing about the sort of people he mixed with. It's evocative of a whole type of lifestyle that's now gone."

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Connon believes that the play is essentially "a battle of the sexes and a battle for power", and has nothing to do with a struggle between the upper-middle class and the working class.

"Tony is a veteran of the war in the Far East. His fiancée is a childhood sweetheart who realises he has little interest in her sexually. She opts out, goes off and gets married. So it's really a battle for the soul of Tony between Richard Merton, who is his best and closest friend, and Barrett."

Maugham was well aware that the Obscene Publications Act hovered, harpy-like, over the play, so he could never be explicit on stage. But *The Servant* played at Worthing in 1958, and at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, in 1966. People walked out at Worthing, a respectable Sussex seaside resort. After all, this was before the scandal of the Penguin publication of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*: it was a time when people could be prosecuted for mentioning explicit sexual acts.

"We tend to forget how restricted and controlled the arts actually were at that time," Connon says. "It all had to go through the Lord Chamberlain's office. Today, the production can put back nuances it would never have got away with back then."

He thinks *The Servant* is strongly autobiographical: "The upright Merton represented the good in Robin; Tony represented sexual ambivalence; and Barrett the evil."

The film dropped the Merton character, but Pinter's dialogue captures the unease of the original novel. Its theme of domination — with a sado-masochistic element in the master-servant relationship — reminds one of Strindberg's *Miss Julie*, where the valet sexually mesmerises Miss Julie; or Jean Genet's *The Maids*, with its perverse role-reversal; or Pinter's own sinister games of bullying in *The Birthday Party*.

But William Lawrence, executor of the Maugham estate and a close companion of the writer until the latter's death in 1982, says of *The Servant*: "It seems obvious to me that there is an underlying sexuality between the master and the servant that was missed out in the film. I'm well aware that Bogarde has said it didn't even enter his head that there could have been a homosexual connotation to it; but having reread the novel and the play, and watching it in rehearsal at Birmingham, it seems clear that that was Maugham's intention. But he did it very subtly."

Lawrence argues that in the play, Vera and Mabel (another woman procured for the master by Barrett) act as a sexual conduit for the relationship between Tony and Barrett: "It's such an obvious interdependence," he says. He thinks the play "winds a spell because it contains this quality of the corrupting influence, which is just as relevant in the 1990s".

Clearly, Maugham was angry at society's taboos: "He believed that we were all basically bisexual, and that we choose our path."

Ambiguity hangs like a skein over *The Servant*. Vera is described by Maugham as "seemingly demure" — she then swiftly displaces Tony's childhood sweetheart — and Barrett is by turns cringing and insolent. Even by the time of the film, sexual acts could only be hinted at, and homosexuality was illegal. But by today's standards, where virtually anything goes, *The Servant* seems innocuous. Perhaps its very subtlety makes it more interesting than the vulgarity of some contemporary works, where every fourth word seems to have four letters.

But did Bogarde find Barrett a challenging role at the time? "I didn't know what the hell it was all about," he says. "I had never read Pinter before." Was it baffling? "No. People make such a fuss about it all. It's nothing. It was the funniest black comedy I've ever been in, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Now it's becoming a cult and everyone's running around making stupid remarks about it." And the darker side? "I don't know what the hell they're talking about. It was simply one character taking over from the other."

But he admits: "I'm jolly glad they're still talking about it."

● The Servant *opens on Friday at Birmingham Rep (0121-236 4455)*

Ruined by the hecklers

OPERA: *Lucia di Lammermoor* and *Lakmé* in Paris; *Rigoletto* in Monte Carlo

HALF of the problem at the Bastille is in the audience. No opera company, well run or not, can afford to be terrorised by a vociferous minority of hecklers who would far sooner disrupt a production than give the director a fair chance.

What they wanted of the new **Lucia di Lammermoor** at the Opéra National de Paris was presumably a staging set among crags and heather and costumed in kilts and swathes of tartan. Andrei Serban, on the other hand, was determined to present no such thing and, as a consequence of rethinking a work which is perfectly familiar in the conventional setting, a largely well-meaning audience has had to suffer performances interrupted by boos and ribald comments not only during the scene changes but within the scenes themselves. It was a stroke of directorial genius in the circumstances to arrange the entry of a pretty blonde, naked to the waist, near the beginning of the second act: she has no clear dramaturgical function but she certainly silences the protests.

WHAT Serban has done is to set the opera in a semi-circular pit surmounted by a gallery where the chorus stands in top hats and frock coats to watch the events below. And what he demonstrates, in William Dudley's ingeniously engineered and chillingly comfortless set, is that Lucia is not half as mad as the men around her. They, bonded in their masculinity in the gymnasium and the barrack room, are gratuitously violent. She, alone in an adventure playground, is merely protecting herself.

It is unfortunate that, in a characteristically sentimental final gesture, Serban elevates an image of Lucia in her bridal gown as an angelic vision for the dying Edgardo (Roberto Alagna) to aspire to. After all the physical trials his singers have gone through — such as June Anderson as Lucia having to walk along a see-saw backwards — it seems a pity to let them down. But, under Maurizio Benini's stylish musical direction, most of the cast sings impressively well. Anderson wonderfully agile if not always up to pitch and Alagna as heroic in sound as true in line.

CHALLENGING productions like that are particularly welcome in comparison with such tame and fussy stagings as Lorenzo Mariani's recent **Rigoletto** in Monaco and Gilbert Blin's new **Lakmé** at the Paris Opéra-Comique. Both of these are saved, however, by some remarkable performances. The Opéra de Monte Carlo (which more or less discovered Alagna at the international level) presented an excitingly fearless Duke of Mantua in Tito Beltran and an inspired Rigoletto in Leo Nucci, who combined dramatic understanding with spontaneity.

The star of the *Lakmé* production is neither the Orchestre Symphonique Français nor the chorus of the Opéra-Comique, competently conducted though they are by Frédéric Chaslin. Happily, in such a demanding role, it is Anita Dessay as Lakmé herself. The applause following her Bell Song must have lasted at least three minutes, a long time in mid-act. For sheer vocal brilliance at high pitch levels and for seductive colouring in more normal soprano registers she must be unique among singers today.

GERALD LARNER

Powerful effects without cause

Michel Vinaver is a French dramatist who rejects 2,000 years of theatrical tradition. Preparing for a London first night, he tells **Jeremy Kingston** why

In fantasy an interview with a French dramatist takes place at an outside table of a Paris café. A pile of coffee saucers grows tall in front of us, and between sips of a *fine à l'eau* the eye lingers upon the throng strolling along the boulevard. Alas for fantasy: the setting for my interview with Michel Vinaver is a quiet room above Richmond's Orange Tree Theatre, where *Portrait of a Woman* begins previews tomorrow, and we are lunching on pints of bitter and an assortment of sandwiches cut, English-style, into triangles.

Vinaver's command of English is excellent, owing in part to his residence in New York as a child during the Second World War, but also to his 25 years employment by Gilette, of whose French division he eventually became managing director. He wrote his first play, *The Revolt of the Vegetables*, at the age of nine. In it (I quote from *New Theatre Quarterly*) "all the vegetables in the kitchen garden get together to overthrow the tyrannous regime of the wasps, which is only achieved with great sacrifice on the part of the artichoke".

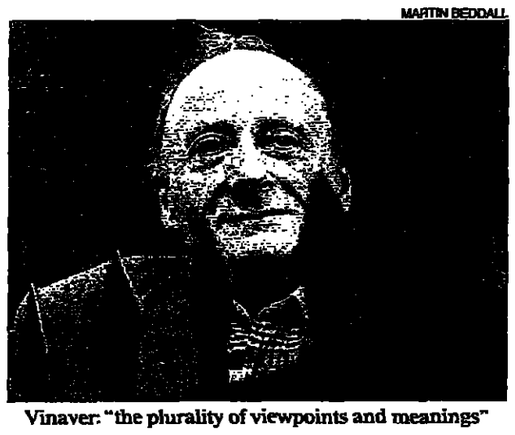
This intriguing work is probably still around somewhere, because Vinaver is not a man who throws material away. His new play, the third to be directed by Sam Walters at the Orange Tree, owes its origin to a bundle of newspaper cuttings that he kept in a box for 30 years.

In 1951 a medical student murdered her lover and was condemned to penal servitude for life. What interested Vinaver in the case was the communication gap between the court and the accused, and by the time he reread the contents of the box he had evolved a dramatic style that uses such disconnections to create a view of reality resembling a collage of fragments, connected in ways that are hard if not impossible to understand.

"A single event or a single instant is fragmented and seen from various viewpoints," Vinaver says. "The plurality of meanings, the plurality of ways to capture an event, is what I'm after. The breakdown of the sacrosanct chain of cause and effect, on which theatre has been built for 2,000 years and more.

"Theatre has tended to work like a machine. You push one button and this happens. I'm more interested in landscape than in machine-theatre, and landscape is something where the spectator moves about and discovers various aspects of reality."

MARTIN BEDDALL



Vinaver: "the plurality of viewpoints and meanings"

Thinking back over the plays of his staged in this country — *A Smile on the End of the Line* and *Situation Vacant* at the Orange Tree, *The Television Programme* at the Gate — I remember the bursts of laughter provoked by this technique of multiple viewpoints.

"I think it's inseparable from comedy because incongruities of all kinds result from putting together things that don't fit together. *Portrait* is about a murder and there is no ambiguity about the murder itself. Who's done it, in what circumstances. The court is trying to construct the body of motivations behind it — what has caused this girl to murder that boy — and the play is about the failure of the court to advance along that path.

"There is a chasm between the fiction that the court constructs and the reality of what has happened, which the girl herself has no explanation for. So that in this particular case the chain of cause and effect simply exists in the imagination of the defence counsel, the prosecutor, the presiding judge and the witnesses; what the accused says and does, in no way relates to what the court expects.

"So the various people in the court get infuriated and really aggressive vis-à-vis the accused, because she doesn't show why she's done it. I mean, that is her biggest crime. She is simply at a loss to say why."

I ask if the audience will know. "There are fragments of reasons. There is a metaphor in the play when she tells her boyfriend that she loves pebbles. She picks up a pebble from the beach and says that in order to know what's inside the pebble you have to break it. And then there's no more pebble."

● Portrait of a Woman *previews from tomorrow and opens next Tuesday at the Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (0181-940 3633)*

CONCERTS: Bruckner takes second place to a brilliant rendition of Beethoven by a Taiwanese violinist; a poignant dedication to young victims of war

Noble sound of seventh heaven

Philharmonia/ Sanderling
Festival Hall

IF THE Philharmonia's strings had sounded less dry and strident, and achieved a mellower ensemble, the orchestra's account of Bruckner's Seventh Symphony under Kurt Sanderling as guest conductor would have been memorable. As it was, the conductor's evident wish for them to draw a longer and longer bow too often produced a rasping tone that denied the music its full effect, even allowing for the hall's dry acoustics.

Sanderling knows his way around Bruckner, no doubt of that. Indeed, a programme-note told us this was his "own version" of the Seventh, without defining what that meant. To me, it sounded much as usual, apart from omitting the solitary cymbal-clash in the slow movement, of which the validity is disputed anyway. Otherwise we heard a clear account of the work's inner and outer detail, and a grandeur of spirit.

It was a broad, expansive, spaciously shaped performance, about ten minutes over the hour's duration usually ascribed to it. But a Bruckner symphony takes as long as it takes, and measuring it by the clock does scant respect to the depth and richness of the experience it offers. Its noble proportions can engulf the listener even more completely than it did on this occasion, although Sanderling steered a course that was vivid without being pressured.

Earlier, he provided steady support in Beethoven's Violin Concerto for Cho-Liang Lin, who stepped in at short notice when Kyung-Wha Chung became ill. So Korean origins were exchanged for Taiwanese, but offering equally instinctive artistry. The violinist was in command of his technique to the highest degree, and I would love to know what make of violin he played to make the solo lines so captivating.

Right from his first entry, his tone was beautifully clear and silvery, the phrasing poised on a feeling for rhythm that was continuously beguiling. He could fine down the tone to the merest thread without weakening its tensile quality, and although the orchestra was apt to seem stilted in the slow movement, the soloist's sense of weight and shade was always affecting.

NOEL GOODWIN

Spare notes for the little children

BBCSO/Nelson
Festival Hall

AFTER Arvo Pärt, John Tavener and the inescapable Henryk Górecki, promoters have found a new name for that vast band of enthusiasts for spiritual minimalism. Giya Kancheli is Georgian and, like the composers just mentioned, tends to write very slow music seemingly on the premise that showing an original spark of melodic or rhythmic inventiveness were a capital crime. Those ideas he does have inhabit the territory of simple scales delivered in notes of equal length or slow oscillations between adjacent notes. Spare and simple, and repetitive is beautiful is his motto.

In fact, for all its lack of substance and its overdone rhetoric, his *Light Sorrow*, given its British premiere by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under that fine American conductor John Nelson last Sunday, turned out to be a touching ritual dedicated "To children, the victims of war". When not absorbed with quiet intonations sung by two solo boy singers (the excellent David Newman and Samuel Burkey), it explodes in shocking outbursts of orchestral activity: two contrasting emotions, sorrow and anger, simply expressed. The words, taken from the Georgian poet Galaktion Tabidze, Goethe, Shakespeare and Pushkin, exhort the idea of rebirth, the value of love, hope in tragedy; but they are interrupted by the cry of the frustrated poet: "Oh, if only my voice could move their hearts". Then, in a *coup de théâtre* as visual as it is sonic, the New London Children's Choir fills the stage, singing the Alleluias of the innocents. It was hard not to be moved.

Nelson engaged the BBCSO and his young charges with an admirable sense of timeless poise. But another work about innocence, Mahler's Fourth Symphony, seemed affected by these spacious deliberations. Although Nelson, conducting without a baton, invested its first movement with imagination and commitment, thereafter the orchestra's energies flagged. It was all perfectly acceptable but, at least until Sylvia McNair stood to deliver the final song, *Das himmlische Leben*, with her usual beautiful sound, and an irresistible presence, this was the kind of performance that music critics dread; simply unremarkable.

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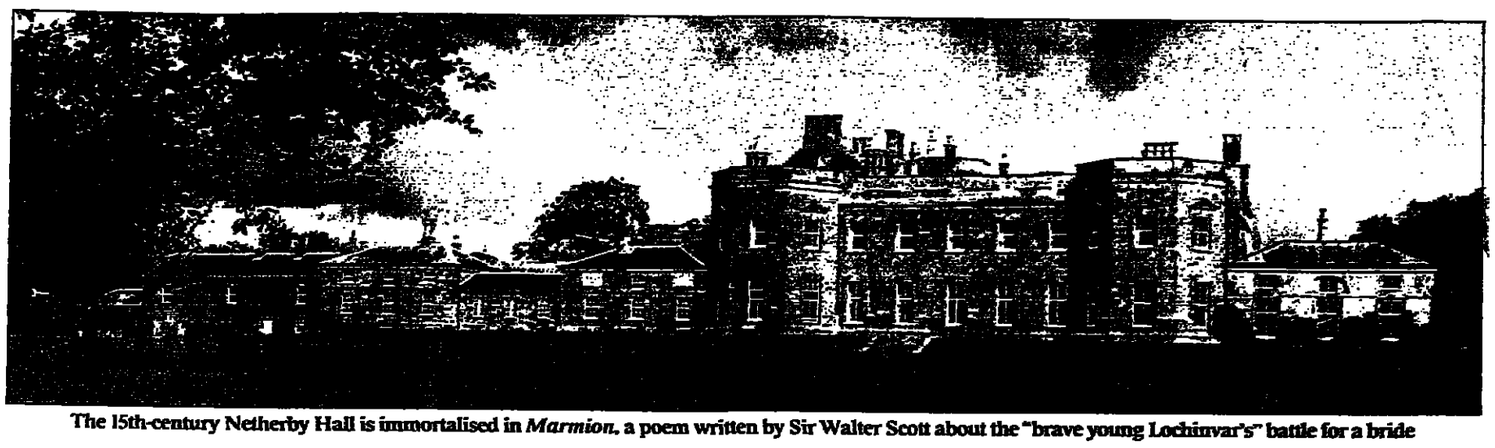
Looking for a spectacular way to impress a loved one? **Mary Wilson** offers some suggestions

There are only six days to go to Valentine's Day — the time of year to send *billets doux* and gifts to your loved one. If walls could speak, how many tales would they be able to tell of undying love murmured on bended knees, secret trysts behind closed doors and ardent words uttered in passion?

Even houses have been bought as Valentine's presents, as happened recently with a pretty mews cottage in west London. Antoine Lurot of the London Mews Company says: "We have just sold a four-bedroom mews house to a gentleman who has bought it for his girlfriend without her knowing."

A four-bedroom house in Chepstow Place, west London, was the scene of unrequited love. It was there that Robert Louis Stevenson stayed with Fanny Sitwell in 1873, after he had left his family home in Edinburgh. He was only 23 years old, long before his literary career took off, and they were renting rooms at the house.

Sitwell encouraged Stevenson to write and it was said that he fell in love with her. But she was in love with Sidney Colvin, whom she later wed. Colvin also encouraged Stevenson to pursue a writing career. Chestertons Residential is offering the Grade II listed four-bedroom house for £425,000.



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The 15th-century Netherby Hall is immortalised in *Marmion*, a poem Sir Walter Scott wrote, in which brave young Lochinvar rides, unarmed, to whisk away Lady Heron, before she can wed another.

So boldly he entered the Netherby Hall
Among brides-men and kinsmen and brothers all.
Cried "O come ye in peace or come ye in war,
or to dance at our bridal, young Lochinvar?

The hall began its life as a fortified tower house built to withstand the frequent attacks that were a feature of life in the Border country in the 14th and 15th centuries. A splendid example now of Scottish baronial architecture, it has a three-storey entrance tower with carved coat of arms, and a carved stone knight in armour who guards the front door.

The property, which is near Carlisle in Cumbria, has just been restored and is being sold with two cottages and 32 acres of grounds for £850,000 by Jackson-Stops & Staff's London office.



Peartree Cottage: reputedly built for a king's mistress

In Petworth, West Sussex, a house is on the market called Pettifers, the name of the Huguenot nobleman for whom it was built in 1490. Many years later, it was owned by the Dawtrey family, and bought by the squire, who was obviously a devoted husband because he bought it so that his wife could winter in a big house in the centre of town within easy reach of the church and shops. Browns of Cranleigh is selling the five-bedroom house with Tudor fireplaces, inglenook fireplace and walled garden for £425,000.

Peartree Cottage in St John's Wood, was a lodge and coach house reputedly built by the Prince Regent, later George IV, for Mrs Fitzherbert, his mistress, in the late 1700s. Though in central London, it is still a secluded hideaway with a walled 120ft garden and ornamental lily pond. Lassman's is selling the four-bedroom house for £1.55 million.

And in Ibsley, Hampshire, Woolley & Wallis of Ringwood is selling — for £249,000 — a thatched four-bedroom house with an acre and a half, which was reputedly bought by Nelson for his mistress, Josephine.

In Churt, Surrey, a fascinating house is to be found which was once the property of Frances Stevenson — Lloyd George's secretary, before he married her in 1943. She bought the site, which Lloyd George chose, on his estate in 1936 and built the house with £2,000 given to her by Lloyd George.

The house is called Avalon, and is set in apple orchards. Miss Stevenson first lived in the house with her sister. After Lloyd George's wife died, he married her and they went to live in Wales.

After his death, Lady Lloyd George returned to Avalon, with her sister and daughter and stayed there until 1963, when the current owners fell in love with the house and bought it.

The house is unusual. The position and views are magnificent and the house has a flat roof and is timber-clad inside and out. It has a delightful informal holiday feel about it, which attracted Red and Jerry Shiveley, an American couple, more than 30 years ago. After they bought the house from the Dowager Countess, they remained friends with her until her death.

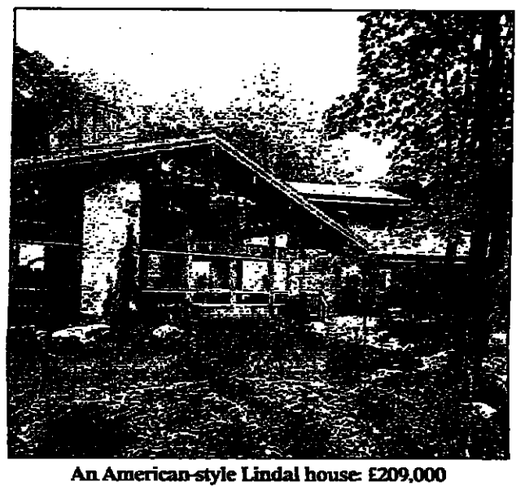
Nine acres of meadowland have been reclaimed from the orchards and since the trees have been removed, thousands of poppies and wildflowers have emerged. They must have lain dormant for 80 years. John D. Wood is selling the four-bedroom house with tennis court, heated swimming pool and 27.5 acres for £650,000.



Avalon: strong connections with Lloyd George

Timber homes are popular in the United States. But will we learn to love them?

Living an American dream



An American-style Lindal house: £209,000

For all the light spaciousness of many American homes, it seems the British public have to be encouraged to appreciate homes designed across the pond.

Jonathan Cobb, who is offering for sale houses designed by Timberpeg Post and Beam Homes, an American offshoot, is finding it difficult to convince his new market to buy his self-build homes. He says: "This sort of product is far more acceptable in Scandinavia. In the UK, there is quite an attitude barrier to be overcome. I am hoping eventually to sell 25 homes a year."

He has discovered that most of the people who show an interest in building one of these homes, himself included, find it difficult to acquire the right piece of land. "I want to build a show home in Hertfordshire," says Mr Cobb, "but I might be forced to look further afield because I cannot find the right plot."

Self-builders are increasingly finding this a problem. In the past year, more than 25,000 houses were built by their owners, and competition for plots is fierce. The land represents up to half the total cost of a self-build house.

These American homes are built on a traditional post-and-beam method, like that used in Elizabethan timber-framehouses. But because modern engineering designs the strength in the frame, ceilings can be as high as you like, and internal configurations are flexible. Many British self-build kit companies use this construction method But internally, their products, do not, in my view, compare.

Timberpeg (0727 841957) is one of a couple of companies that have recently started selling American-style houses in this country. It has four homes under construction around the country, from Bembridge, Isle of Wight to Inverness. Designs cost between £100,000 and £1 million.



A Lindal interior

Shirley and Bill Belling, who live in Hertfordshire, are buying a plot of land on the Norfolk coast to build a 1,750 sq ft house, which will cost about £120,000, including a £3,000 kitchen and two £1,000 bathrooms.

Mrs Belling says: "We have spent quite a lot of time in America, and have many friends living in this type of timber-framed house. We love their spaciousness and the height of the ceilings. They are light and airy and you can add to them easily.

"We looked at the self-build companies in this country, but their designs looked too much like those for an ordinary house."

The Bellings will build their house with a brick and flint exterior so it blends in with the countryside. But inside it will be totally different from any other house in Norfolk.

The houses are built of Douglas fir and pine. The package, which is sent over from New England, in containers, includes all insulation, the timber frame and roof tiles. It also includes windows, doors, all nuts and bolts, but not heating, lighting, plumbing, partition walls or exterior skin.

Mr Cobb says: "What we are not aiming our product at is people who want to build a £200,000 house for £100,000. Our ideal customer would be someone wanting to spend about £250,000."

Another company, Lindal Cedar Homes (0949 842551), has been building houses in Canada and the United States since 1968. It has built three in Britain — one near Grantham, Lincolnshire, and two in Scotland, in Speyside and in the Orkneys, where the purchaser needed a house strong enough to withstand the appalling weather.

Brian Keightley-Hanson, who is running the British end of the company, has built the house in Grantham. "It is all about utilisation of space and use of energy," he says. "My house is 2,500 sq ft and it costs £400 a year to heat. When I retired, my wife and I decided to build a house for ourselves. We looked in Scandinavia, Canada, the UK and the States, and eventually decided on this one."

The Keightley-Hansons's house has cost them £120,000 to build, excluding the land. The open-plan ground-floor area has three ceiling heights and two floor levels, providing a sense of divisions.

It has maple and beech floors, a gallery, four bedrooms and a state-of-the-art heat-exchange system "because of the tall ceilings", says Mr Keightley-Hanson. "We can gather up the hot air and re-use it. It also keeps down dust levels."

He has 100 designs to choose from in a lavish catalogue. Once the design is agreed on, the company arranges for the foundations to be built, orders the framework from Seattle, where the timber is grown, and oversees erection by a local builder.

As with Timberpeg, electrics, plumbing and internal fixtures and fittings are not supplied.

MARY WILSON

A rare chance to buy at an exclusive address

A place in Eaton Square

Two of London's grandest addresses are up for sale. Numbers 115 and 12 Eaton Square, on the market for £4.5 million and £6.75 million respectively, are two of only 11 remaining houses in a square dominated by flats. The Grosvenor Estate says it is unprecedented for two houses to come up for sale at the same time in what is probably the capital's smartest address.

Residents include the Duke of Westminster, Lord Howard de Walden, Viscount Rothermere, the Countess of Lichfield, Roger Moore, and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber. The Belgian and Bolivian Embassies are also there.

Number 12 is arranged as three maisonettes. Jane Sandars, the estate's marketing director, says an application to convert the maisonettes back to a house would be sympathetically considered.

Anthony Lassman, of the estate agents Lassman, which is selling number 115, says: "The house is on the preferred north side of the square, overlooking the gardens. It forms part of what was the first division of the square built around 1830."

The six-floor house needs complete refurbishment and has a drawing and dining room, six bedrooms, four bathrooms, five cloakrooms, a library and a wine cellar.

The north side of the square has become more exclusive, because of its inhabitants, who include Estée Lauder.

Houses on the north side have more impressive pillared and porticoed entrances, and terraces and main rooms that face south over the gardens. The Lloyd Webbers are just one of the famous families living on the south side of the square. Estate agents disagree on whether it is smarter to own a house or a flat. Mr Lassman says: "A first-floor flat on the north side of the square is unquestionably the most sought-after type of property. These flats have high ceilings and balconies, good entertaining rooms and staff accommodation and an extensive master bedroom suite and guest suite."

Such a flat with three or four bedrooms, in good condition on a standard 20-year lease would cost about £2 million, Mr Lassman says. On the south side, the same flat would be worth £1.5 million.

Eaton Square was named after Eaton Hall, Cheshire, and built by Thomas Cubitt, an architect of modest beginnings who refused a title from Queen Victoria and became the unofficially acclaimed "emperor of the building trade" in the 1830s and 1840s. His project is flanked by the classical St Peter's Church.

RACHEL KELLY



12 Eaton Square: £6.75 million

Planning a concrete countryside

Over the next 16 years, more than 1.7 million homes will need to be built in the southern counties. Are the Government's figures correct?

The future of the most desirable parts of England is being decided amid fears that a flood of housebuilding will change the face of the country. About three million homes have been planned in the next 16 years, of which 1.7 million are being allocated to the southern shires — the 26 rural counties that are the essence of England.

So far, most development has simply been tacked on to existing settlements. How much more can be absorbed without destroying the character of historic towns, villages or countryside? The demand for decent housing is rising fast because of demographic changes, such as the break-up of families that has led to a proliferation of households.

The Rural White Paper announced last October will attempt to deal with some of the perplexing issues affecting the English shires. It is a timely co-operation between the Departments of Environment and Agriculture aided by the fact that William Waldegrave, the Agriculture minister, was formerly Environment Secretary, and John Gummer, the Environment Secretary was Agriculture Minister.

The paper's authors have a huge remit to digest before they publish next summer. They will consider every aspect of planning policy: rural services such as village schools, hospitals, post offices, transport, and the rural economy, perhaps even whether the set-aside policy might mean the release of hallowed grade A and B agricultural land for house building.

They will look at the effect of existing government policies to see if they are going the right way or if they are pulling in the same direction. Views were invited from interested parties by January 20.

Mr Gummer says: "We're drawing up a positive strategy to take us into the next century. Rural life isn't set in aspic and there is a lively debate about how change is affecting those who live and work in the countryside."

The Government's housing numbers are contentious. Some say the 1991 figure of 2.812 million dwellings, which local authorities have been asked to approve by 2011, are too high. Others that they are too conservative. Berkshire is rebelling against its allocation of 40,000 which have to be approved by 2006, saying it can only accommodate 37,000 in its structure plan, and Hampshire was reluctant to accept its allocation of 92,000.

Housing demand is being fuelled by demographic changes rather than by population growth, Michael Breheny, Professor of Geography at Reading University, says. "In the Eighties, population growth was 3 per cent, but the increase in households was 15 per cent and that's expected to continue," he says.

"Some say the Government's figures are realistic and the consequences of ignoring them are horrendous. The projections are extrapolations of the past, and all the previous ones were underestimates. What are the consequences of not coping with this?

"This White Paper will explore the need to protect the countryside, the need for economic development and diversification, the relationship between cities and the countryside. These are vital issues that will affect us all in profound ways."

Rural economics are a central issue. How can agricultural workers on £160 a week afford to live in the country when well-heeled city people are moving in and pushing up property prices?

> 'In the Eighties, population growth was 3 per cent, but the increase in households was 15 per cent'

A survey of Mere, Wiltshire, just laid before Wiltshire Community Council, suggests that they cannot. It found that the average pay for townspeople aged up to 40 was £159 a week, but 52 per cent earned under £140 a week. The highest price they could pay for a property would be £28,280 if there was one earner in the family, but two-bedroomed houses in the pretty town start at £40,000. Even on a low rent of £60 a week a household of four with an income of £180 a week, including benefits, cannot meet the basic cost of living.

So wider planning issues are also crucial. The Council for the Protection of Rural England is keen for people to stay in cities, which, it says, should be made more attractive to live in, for example by subsidising public transport to cut traffic. Surveys show most city dwellers long to move to the country.

"It's where people want to live that's a problem," Tony Burton, the director, says. "About 300 people a day have left our cities in the past 20 years.

"We can't all move there. Too few small homes are being built and too many large luxury houses go on greenfield sites. An area of countryside the size of Greater London has been lost in the South East. If we keep building at this level, by 2050 an area larger than Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey and the Isle of Wight will be urbanised."

The Countryside Commission and the Town and Country Planning Association favour the creation of new towns to avoid the over-development of old ones. David Hall, the association's director, says: "It doesn't mean we have to have terrible devastation of the countryside. Towns can be located away from sensitive areas but near good road and rail links. You need to make them a size that enables them to swallow their own smoke by providing jobs, shops and services for residents, which means at least 10,000 dwellings."

Ray Green, vice-chairman of the Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages and treasurer of the TCPA, despairs of the present policy of new development being added to settlements incrementally, making historic towns "little gems surrounded by mediocrity".

"A new concept must be evolved or we will go on building around our beautiful towns and wreck them. A protection area should be thrown around them. We need to look at the issues and come up with some new ideas."

CHRISTINE WEBB

THE TIMES



Interpreting Haydn: principal conductor Raymond Leppard

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The orchestra is presenting two concerts at the Barbican in London to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Haydn's final visit to the capital. The programmes, conducted by Raymond Leppard, include Haydn's last two London symphonies and works by his contemporaries, Mozart and Viotti. Stephanie Gonley plays Viotti's violin concerto in A minor on February 22 and Imogen Cooper plays Mozart's piano concerto No 15 in B flat on February 28. You can also see the ECO at the Cliffs Pavilion in Southend, Essex on March 11 when the programme includes works by Greig, Handel, Holst and Mozart.

A full list of concerts available in London was printed in yesterday's paper and a full regional listing will be printed next Tuesday.

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Potential champion is main attraction of marketing initiative

Bailey baits hook with Master Oats

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

IF RYAN GIGGS can be paid £150,000 a year for wearing a particular brand of football boot and Nick Faldo's annual clothing contract earns Britain's top golfer £1 million, what price should a potential sponsor place on the head of a horse who could become a legend inside the next two months?

The answer may be forthcoming shortly as companies in Britain and further afield consider the tantalising prospect of a sponsorship deal involving Master Oats, the clear favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup on March 16 and joint-favourite for the Martell Grand National at Aintree on April 8.

No horse has won steeplechasing's two most cherished races in the same year since the mighty Golden Miller in 1933, but Kim Bailey's fast improving nine-year-old, rated the top chaser in training, is now as short as 25-1 to complete an historic double.

Bailey is a distance clear of most of his training colleagues when it comes to seizing marketing initiatives and yesterday he set out the potential advantages for a company stepping in to sponsor "the hottest property in racing."

He said: "Master Oats could become the best-known horse in the world in the next few weeks and the benefits for a company having their name linked to such a sporting equine star would be immense, especially as the Grand National is seen by literally hundreds of millions of people around the globe."

Bailey is proposing a sponsorship package which would cover all 70 horses at his Upper Lambourn yard, not just Master Oats. The sponsor's name would be emblazoned on the silks of jockeys who ride his horses, the jackets of lads leading them around the racecourse and on the horses' paddock sheets. "I would also do two days here for the sponsor's clients, rather like our open day, where they could have lunch, be taken around the downs, and get involved with our horses and jockeys.

"Ideally, any sponsorship deal would last for two or three years and certainly no shorter than 12 months. With a yard my size other good horses will be coming through and that will help to keep the sponsor's name in lights.

"Between now and Cheltenham and Liverpool how many photographers and television crews are going to come down here to take pictures of the horse? We have got one coming every day this week. If a company's logo was in every picture imagine how much that is worth in terms of advertising."

The $64,000 question concerns how much such a deal is worth. Bailey is suggesting £50,000, although it could involve a bartering package. "If an insurance company was interested they could pay for part of the package by insuring the horses, yard and vehicles."

Racing is still feeling its way with sponsoring horses since the concept was introduced as part of a Government package which included scrapping VAT on bloodstock transactions, including training fees.

By the end of last month, more than £630,000 had been raised via sponsorship, covering more than 500 horses in training. Four yards have so far secured commercial backing, including the Arundel stables of John Dunlop, who recently agreed a £25,000 deal with the Tote.

What makes Master Oats such a fascinating prospect is his potential to fill the void left by Desert Orchid, and enjoy public appeal which transcends the narrow world of horse racing.

Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes, whose company is offering the 25-1 double bet, commented yesterday: "He is a horse who is already capturing the public imagination. They love to see a bold jumping front-runner and he could just be the horse to take over from where Desert Orchid left off. If he wins the Gold Cup he will be 6-1 for the National."

The world's greatest steeplechase regularly attracts television's largest sporting audience and has 300 million viewers around the world. The 4½-mile spectacular is beamed to 27 countries, including Hong Kong.

Martell has estimated that the press coverage flowing from the Grand National is worth the equivalent of £1.2 million in advertising. The next few days will see if a horse with the potential to win the race can generate his own share of funding.

☐ Punters are backing Miinnehoma to become the first horse since Red Rum to win the National two years in succession. The 1994 winner was cut to 8-1 (from 14-1) with William Hill. He is 10-1 with Coral and Ladbrokes.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: OATIS REGRETS
(3.35 Ascot)
Next best: Kissair
(1.50 Ludlow)


HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Bailey and his progressive chaser Master Oats, the Cheltenham Gold Cup favourite, relax at the trainer's Upper Lambourn stables

Europeans face increased Breeders' Cup entry fees

By Julian Muscat

A FIVE-YEAR extension to the cross-registration agreement between Europe and the United States was confirmed by both sides yesterday at the expense of increased entry costs for European horses on Breeders' Cup Day.

The deal effectively ends the special terms under which horses bred in Europe have been competing in the annual $10 million series. Entry costs were previously set at two per cent of the purse, but horses conceived this year will now require entering at nine per cent. The increase is sure to impact on the size of Europe's challenge from 1998.

The two per cent entry fee remains open to European-bred horses which are individually registered, at $500 each, with Breeders' Cup Ltd. All American-bred horses have paid this levy since the Breeders' Cup was founded in 1982. The fact that Europeans were exempt from similar subscription charges has long been a source of irritation to American breeders, who insisted on closing the loophole during months of tense negotiations.

Owners with sizeable European-based interests are expected to register their foals with Breeders' Cup Ltd. Khaled Abdulla and Shaikh Maktoum Al-Maktoum have already committed themselves to the project, but less affluent owners are unlikely to follow. This leaves them no option but to pay the nine per cent entry fee, on top of substantial travelling costs to contest a Breeders' Cup race.

Michael Wates, chairman of the European Breeders' Fund co-ordinating committee, conceded yesterday he would not be committing his horses to the registration process. And Jeff Smith, whose Lochsong did much to enliven last November's Breeders' Cup renewal, said he would have banked at the $90,000 cost of entering his mare in the $1 million Sprint.

Wates conceded: "There are those in Europe who will inevitably say that nine per cent is far too much. But it is a good deal and less than what it might have been. We have to accept that we negotiated exceptional terms in previous years but those terms are no longer available."

The importance of securing a cross-registration agreement, permitting horses from each continent access to all races, is illustrated by the volume of American-bred yearlings bought to race in Europe. In an 11-year period from 1982, European-based owners imported 12,744 horses costing over $2 billion.

However, the Maktoum family's decreasing participation at American yearling sales prompted US breeders to push hard for the terms of the new agreement. This has led the Europeans to pursue their own concept for a high-profile European Breeders' Day. The first running has been tentatively set for a venue in Germany next year.

Oatis Regrets to prove best

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BBC1

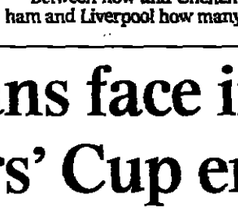
2.30: With most of these runners a long way out of the handicap, this looks like a rematch between Mudahim and Her Honour, who filled the first two places at Haydock last month. Having been beaten four lengths that day, Her Honour is now 15lb better off but it is not certain that Martin Pipe's runner stays three miles and the stiff finish here could find her out. **Mudahim**, impressive winner of the Bishop Cleeve hurdle at Cheltenham 11 days ago, has never been in better form and can complete a treble with ground conditions still in his favour. Your Well, who finished ahead of Her Honour at Kempton over Christmas, looks best of the rest.

3.05: **Martha's Son** has beaten all his main opponents, reopposes them on similar terms and must take all the beating. Tim Forster's improving eight-year-old beat the front-running Coulton by almost eight lengths in the Victor Chandler Chase and is only 1lb worse off today. Although Deep Sensation has a 12lb pull, having finished more than 27 lengths behind the winner, Josh Gifford's horse is out of sorts. Amtrak Express was beaten by the selection at Huntingdon last term but Nicky Henderson's chaser has improved considerably since then and is the main danger.

BBC2

3.35: This is a cracking race in which eight of the runners have sound prospects. Brave Highlander was given an enterprising ride by Jamie Osborne to win over course and distance last month but is unlikely to be able to dominate from the front this time. Osborne rides **Oatis Regrets** today and Henrietta Knight's chaser is held in high regard at home. He was slightly disappointing at Cheltenham last month but he is far better going right-handed. Suny Bay beat Smith's Band at Warwick and the pair reoppose on identical terms. Sweet Duke loves Ascot but his best chasing form is over a slightly shorter trip and on softer ground. Approach The Stars has scope for improvement.

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1.30 No Pain No Gain
2.00 Gales Cavalier
2.30 Mudahim
3.05 Martha's Son
3.35 SUNY BAY (nap)
4.05 Callisoe Bay
4.35 Tennessee Twist

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARDS

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing, F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES) SIS

1.30 KILFANE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,550: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

101 0-18015 HAWAIIAN YOUTH 43 (G,S) (G Redford) R Rowe 7-11-10 D Cassou (3) 91
102 2-22034 PRINCIPLE MUSIC 11 (D,G) (Mrs S Kavanagh) H Kavanagh 7-11-9 S Fox 90
103 211-043 NO PAIN NO GAIN 59 (C,G,S) (The Marvellous Partnership) J Gifford 7-11-6 .. P Hide 86
104 341336 WINGS OF FREEDOM 11 (V,D,F,G) (Technical Standards) J Jenkins 7-11-3 E Husband 87
105 265-P61 BEYOND OUR REACH 21 (G,S) (Hunt & Co Ltd) R Hodges 7-11-2 .. T Dascombe (3) 90
106 P-65453 LANDED GENTRY 13 (S) (K Bell & Son Ltd) C Brad 6-10-11 P Middock (5) 95
107 154-042 FOOLS ERRAND 21 (BF,S) (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 5-10-10 T Jenks (5) 89
108 P/362P6- STAGE PLAYER 305 (F,G) (J Pointon) Miss S Wilton 9-10-9 T Eley (5) 92
109 3P01-22 CHALLENGER ROW 28 (S) (V Sampla) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-7 A P McCoy 93
110 P/33-3 DALLISMAN 19 (J Mason) T Carr 7-10-5 J Supple 80
111 2-3F9P1 PRINCE OF SALERNO 44 (S) (C Watford) N Gaseley 5-10-5 W Clarke (7) 89
112 234-160 RAMALLAH 28 (D,G,S) (Meadows Green Acres) J White 6-10-2 P McLoughlin 95
113 F20233 TEL E THON 28 (V,D,F,G) (E Wilkinson) Miss C Caroe 5-10-0 D Leahy 94

BETTING: 3-1 No Pain No Gain, 4-1 Principle Music, 5-1 Beyond Our Reach, 6-1 Wings Of Freedom, 8-1 Landed Gentry, Hawaiian Youth, 10-1 Dalusman, 12-1 others.
1994: SUNSET AND VINE 7-10-10 A Dicken (3-1) S Dow 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCIPLE MUSIC 13l 4th of 6 to Pridwell in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, heavy). NO PAIN NO GAIN best effort this term 6l 4th of 10 in Wincanton handicap hurdle (2m, good). BEYOND OUR REACH beat Time For A Flutter ½l in 9-runner Ludlow amateurs' handicap hurdle (2m 5f 110yd, soft). LANDED GENTRY 9l 3rd of 16 to Royal Piper in Wincanton handicap hurdle (2m 6f, soft). FOOLS ERRAND 7l 2nd of 13 to Lucky Blue in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). CHALLENGER ROW 9l 2nd of 6 to Radsevmyosself in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft) with TEL E THON (1lb better off) 25l 3rd. RAMALLAH best effort this term beat The Whip 1l in 14-runner Plumpton handicap hurdle (2m 4f, heavy).
Selection: FOOLS ERRAND

2.00 JAMES CAPEL NOVICES CHASE (£10,016: 2m) (4 runners)

201 1P-1111 GALES CAVALIER 28 (CD,C,S) (T Walsley) D Gandolfo 7-11-12 S Bradley (5) 89
202 103-504 DANCING PADDY 25 (C,S) (Dyrcharce Racing) K C-Brown 7-11-4 N Williamson –
203 066-P5 LUCINAM DREAMER 44 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 7-11-4 E Byrne 50
204 12135-2 BRIEF GALE 44 (C,S) (Miss C Zetter) J Gifford 9-10-13 P Hide 82

BETTING: 1-2 Gales Cavalier, 3-1 Dancing Paddy, 5-1 Brief Gale, 33-1 Luckinam Dreamer
1994: LACKENDARA 7-11-8 J Osborne (7-2) Miss H Knight 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GALES CAVALIER, an exciting prospect, beat Absalom's Lady 5l in 4-runner grade II PWL Lightning Novices' Chase over course and distance (good) with DANCING PADDY, fell 2 out and remounted, distant 4th. LUCINAM DREAMER 21l 5th of 8 to Ryston Castle in novices' chase at Hereford (2m, good to soft). BRIEF GALE 5l 2nd of 6 to High Baron in novices' chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, soft).
Selection: DANCING PADDY

2.30 STANLAKE HURDLE BBC1
(Limited handicap: £8,442: 3m) (7 runners)

301 3-SP611 MUDAHIM 11 (F,G,S) (K Bell) C Brad 9-11-10 N Williamson (5) 95
302 5-10342 HER HONOUR 18 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs A Ferrant) M Pipe 6-10-4 C Swan 94
303 P/4114P- LIGHT VENEER 347 (D,F,G,S) (L Jones) Mrs M Jones 10-10-4 G Bradley –
304 224/P0-0 PRABADA 25 (B,CD,G,S) (Mrs M McStrang) R Rowe 12-10-4 Peter Hobbs 92
305 S65/50-0 SUPER SENSE 32 (G,S) (Mrs N Keogh) R Rowe 10-10-4 J Osborne –
306 010/230 HIS WAY 25 (F,G,S) (D Tinckler) J Johnson 8-10-4 A P McCoy (3) –
307 F3U233 YOUR WELL 28 (B,G,S) (D Newth) J White 9-10-4 S Clifford 76

Long handicap: Her Honour 10-3, Light Veneer 9-12, Prabada 9-12, Super Sense 9-7, His Way 8-13, Your Well 8-11.
BETTING: 4-6 Mudahim, 11-4 Her Honour, 8-1 Prabada, 12-1 Light Veneer, 14-1 Your Well, 20-1 others.
1994: NEWTON POINT 5-11-1 T Jenks (7-2) T George 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUDAHIM completed double, beat Alsours 7l in 7-runner grade I Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, heavy). Previously beat HER HONOUR (15lb better off) 4l at 8-runner grade II Premier Long Distance Hurdle at Haydock (2m 7f 110yd, heavy). LIGHT VENEER 8½l 4th of 8 to Flashing Steel in handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good) on penultimate start, December 1993. SUPER SENSE 93l 18th of 24 to Miracle Man in handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). YOUR WELL 6l 3rd of 8 to Cyborgo in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) with PRABADA (22lb better off) 66l 6th.
Selection: MUDAHIM

3.05 COMET CHASE BBC1
(Grade I: £31,475: 2m 3f 110yd) (6 runners)

401 FF3-111 AMTRAK EXPRESS 43 (F,G,S) (Amtrak Ltd) N Henderson 8-11-7 M A Fitzgerald 92
402 3F-11P9 COULTON 25 (F,G,S) (M St Quintan) O Sherwood 8-11-7 J Osborne (5) 98
403 3133P6 DEEP SENSATION 28 (CD,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 10-11-7 P Hide 89
404 31F24-0 HOWE STREET 25 (F,G,S) (W Black) J Jukeson 12-11-7 N Williamson 95
405 11-1111 MARTHA'S SON 25 (C,F,G,S) (P Hanlgan) T Forster 8-11-7 R Farrant 98
406 4PP322 SOUTHOLT 11 (F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-11-7 Richard Guest 78

BETTING: 5-4 Martha's Son, 7-2 Deep Sensation, 5-1 Coulton, Amtrak Express, 16-1 Southolt, 20-1 Howe Street.
1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

AMTRAK EXPRESS completed treble, beat Nubir distance in 3-runner handicap chase at Kempton (3m 4l 110yd, soft). COULTON best effort this season, beat Current Express 14l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good to soft). MARTHA'S SON beat Egypt Mill Prince 23½l in the 8-runner grade II Victor Chandler Handicap Chase here (2m, good) with COULTON (11lb better off) 5l 3rd and DEEP SENSATION (12lb better off) 20l 6th. Earlier beat DEEP SENSATION (9lb better off) 14l to 4-runner grade II Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon (2m 4f 110yd, good) with SOUTHOLT fell third.
Selection: MARTHA'S SON

3.35 REYNOLDSTOWN NOVICES CHASE BBC2
(Grade II: £14,858: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

501 4322F1 BRAVE HIGHLANDER 25 (CD,G,S) (S Embleton) J Gifford 7-11-9 P Hide 96
502 3241J7 SMITH'S BAND 11 (D,G,S) (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-9 W Marston 90
503 341-111 SUNY BAY 32 (S) (Oglands Bloodstock) C Brooks 8-11-9 G Bradley 94
504 415131 SWEET DUKE 18 (G,S) (A Mawrus) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-9 T Jenks 91
505 41 APPROACH THE STARS 82 (S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 7-11-5 N Williamson 79
506 131P11 CRANK SHAFT 19 (F,G,S) (C McNally) J Dulnn 8-11-5 D Byrne 78
507 116/1P3 OATIS REGRETS 25 (BF,S) (D Gyle-Thompson) Mrs H Knight 7-11-5 J Osborne 93
508 350-044 SURE PRIDE 32 (F,G) (J Smith Ltd) A Moore 7-11-5 A P McCoy –
509 /PUF6/P TERAO 72 (S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 9-11-5 C Swan –
510 331133 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 25 (D,G,S) (J McGrath) M H Easterby 7-11-5 L Wyer (5)

BETTING: 7-2 Suny Bay, 9-2 Oatis Regrets, 5-1 Smith's Band, 8-1 Sweet Duke, 7-1 Toogood To Be True, 8-1 Brave Highlander, 10-1 Crank Shaft, 12-1 Approach The Stars, 20-1 others.
1994: ONE MAN 6-11-5 N Doughty (2-1 fav) G Richards 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE HIGHLANDER beat Greanhill Tare Away 20l in 5-runner novice chase over course and distance (good). SMITH'S BAND beat Benjamin Lancaster 14l in 10-runner Cheltenham novices' handicap chase (2m 5f, heavy). SUNY BAY beat SMITH'S BAND 3½l in 10-runner Warwick novice chase (3m 2f, soft). SWEET DUKE beat The Frog Prince 9l in 7-runner Haydock novice chase (2m 4f, heavy). APPROACH THE STARS beat Mugoni Beach 3½l in 5-runner Haydock novice chase (2m 4f, heavy). CRANK SHAFT, completed double, beat Smoke Point 12l in 18-runner novice chase at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, soft). OATIS REGRETS 39l 3rd of 9 to Master Boston in novice chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to soft). TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 15l 3rd of 12 to Morceli in the grade II Dipper Novice Chase at Newcastle (2m 4f, good).
Selection: SUNY BAY

4.05 FERNBANK NOVICES HURDLE (£3,745: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

601 14-112 CALLISOE BAY 32 (D,BF,G,S) (R Waters) D Sherwood 6-11-7 J Osborne 98
602 1413 GREAT MARQUESS 18 (D,S) (G Marquess Powys) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-7 T Jenks 86
603 04- CAPO CASTANUM 294 (D Gyle-Thompson) Miss H Knight 6-11-4 R Farrant –
604 40-3 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 82 (BF) (P & S Lowe Partners) R Hannon 6-11-4 N Williamson 79
605 P-3 IKHTIRAA 20F (M Lowry) R D'Sullivan 5-11-4 D D'Sullivan 63
606 KELLY MAC 114F (Mrs V O'Brien) D O'Brien 5-11-4 Mr G Brown –
607 U MAJBOOR YAFOOZ 28 (Miss J Bodycomb) J Bosley 5-11-4 M Bosley –
608 560/ MEDIATOR 15F (N Jones) A Moore 5-11-4 S Clifford –
609 5 MR PRIMETIME 95 (Anglia Telecom Centres) C Brooks 5-11-4 G Bradley –
610 4-6 DUNCRETREAT 70 (A H Jackson) R Champion 5-11-4 M A Fitzgerald –
611 21/43-4U SUPREME MASTER 53 (T Johnsey) Miss C Johnsey 5-11-4 A P McCoy (3) 76
612 0 MISS HAGGIS 25 (Mrs M Tutnell) J Gifford 5-10-13 P Hide –
613 3 SKY BURST 41 (Mrs D Jones) L Cottrell 5-10-13 Mr L Jefford (7) 67

BETTING: 8-11 Callisoe Bay, 7-2 Great Marquess, 7-1 Flight Lieutenant, 8-1 Supreme Master, 16-1 others.
1994: SCOBIE BOY 6-11-4 J Osborne (8-11 fav) C Egerton 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALLISOE BAY 14l 2nd of 5 to Silver Wedge in grade I Barling Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). GREAT MARQUESS 18l 3rd of 4 to Relaxed in the grade II Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock (2m, heavy). CAPO CASTANUM 84l 4th of 22 to Vitaman in Cheltenham NH Flat race (2m 1f, good to firm). FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 99l 3rd of 10 to Over The Pole in novice hurdle here (2m 4f, good). SUPREME MASTER 13½l 4th of 13 to Simple Arithmetic in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to soft) penultimate start.
Selection: CALLISOE BAY (nap)

4.35 ASCOT OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£2,621: 2m 110yd) (26 runners)

1 11 WISLEY WONDER 18 (G,S) (Wisley Golf) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-13 Mr M Fitzroll (7) –
2 2 AUTUMN SUNSHINE 18 (D Knox) C Weedon 5-11-3 Peter Hobbs –
3 BOURNE VALLEY (M Johnson/Mr Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 6-11-3 N Williamson –
4 4/ CLASH OF CYMBALS 701 (Wiltshire Partnership) B Meehan 6-11-3 M A Fitzgerald –
5 CLOD HOPPER (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 5-11-3 V Slattery –
6 DODGY DEALER (G Mock) C Brooks 5-11-3 G Bradley –
7 GENERAL AVERAGE (Mrs L How) M Campion 5-11-3 L Dace –
8 00- GLENSKO 247 (Serious Damage Partners) G Balding 6-11-3 Ross Burns (7) –
9 0 HI HEDLEY 18 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-11-3 Richard Guest –
10 *IRGINS (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 5-11-3 P Hide –
11 6 INTERMARC 25 (Mrs J Cleary) G Balding 5-11-3 S Fox (5) –
12 RELUCKIND (M Litwak) C Brad 5-11-3 P Middock (7) –
13 REVEREND BROWN (J Palmer-Brown) O Sherwood 5-11-3 J A McCarthy –
14 42 TENNESSEE TWIST 33 (Halewood Vintners) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-3 J Jukes (7) –
15 UNCLE BRUCE (Mrs J Young) Mrs J Young 5-11-3 S Kelgbley –
16 EQUIBOMITY (T Rooth) A Jarvis 6-10-12 P Moore (7) –
17 HERBDACIOUS (M Roberts) M Roberts 5-10-12 Mr T McCarthy –
18 PENNY JANE (P Gunn) G Balding 6-10-12 E Husband (5) –
19 2 ALL CLEAR 21 (A Lomax) M Pipe 4-10-7 C Swan –
20 BRANDON BRIDGE (R Michaelson) I Balding 4-10-7 A P McCoy (5) –
21 MUMMY'S MOLE (Moe Racing Ltd) Graeme Roe 4-10-7 R Bellamy –
22 RAMAGAR (The Stanton Seven) Miss J Doyle 4-10-7 S Curran (3) –
23 RED BLAZER (T Shrimpton) Miss H Knight 4-10-7 J Osborne –
24 0 RESTANDBEHOPEFUL 25 (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-7 P McLoughlin (5) –
25 RUSSIAN BEAR (P Dobson) K Morgan 4-10-7 A S Smith –
26 TARJUMAAN (L Pipe) R O'Sullivan 4-10-7 D O'Sullivan –

BETTING: 5-2 Wisley Wonder, 9-2 Autumn Sunshine, 8-1 Tennessee Twist, 10-1 All Clear, 14-1 Reverend Brown, Russian Bear, 'Irgins, 16-1 others.
1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
I Balding	4	12	33.3	J Osborne	27	101	26.7
M Pipe	23	88	26.1	Richard Guest	5	27	18.5
O Sherwood	13	51	25.5	M A Fitzgerald	9	49	18.4
D Nicholson	11	45	24.4	W Marston	3	25	12.0
R Hodges	4	18	22.2	N Williamson	3	27	11.1

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

1.20 Seasonal Splendour. 1.50 Banana Cove. 2.20 Edward Seymour. 2.50 Percy Smollett. 3.25 Certainly Strong. 3.55 Wild Illusion. 4.25 Talbot. 4.55 Time For A Flutter.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: **3.55 HERMES HARVEST.**

Brian Beel: 3.55 Wild Illusion.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.20 BULL RING MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £2,290: 2m) (18 runners)

1 0 FITZGANDHI 41 A J Wilson 6-11-8 M Perrott –
2 5 GLORIOUS ISLAND 49 T Forster 5-11-8 G McCourt –
3 0/P- GREY SEASON 368 W Clay 6-11-8 N Juckes (7) –
4 KALOKAGATHOS 142F A Frost 6-11-8 J Frost –
5 0 LUGS BRANNIGAN 18 M Bradstock 5-11-8 P Holley –
6 NORTHERN BLUFF 578F J J O'Neill 5-11-8 A Maguire –
7 VANDERVALLY 866F B Wells 6-11-8 J Da Costa –
8 4 WHISPERING COURT 27 A Turnell 5-11-8 D Fortt (5) 82
9 02 WHITEBONNET 28 (V) C Egerton 5-11-8 D Gallagher (5) 88
10 23 WORLD EXPRESS 32 (BF) B Addman 5-11-8 D Salter (5) 94
11 3 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 84 (BF) 1A Pipe 5-11-3 J Lower 98
12 -336 WREN WARBLER 23 (BF) O Sherwood 5-11-3 M Richards 93
13 CLUSS ARE TRUMPS 471F R Dickin 4-10-12 D Meredith (3) –
14 CONIC HILL 130F R Baker 4-10-12 L Harvey –
15 4 DANZIG DANCER 21 W Jenks 4-10-12 T Wall 77
16 4 SCUD MISSILE 27 G Johnson Houghton 4-10-12 A Thornton 79
17 324 WINNY'S PRIDE 4F R Hollinshead 4-10-12 S Wynne (3) 83
18 PERHAPS 163F Mrs. H Knight 4-10-7 J F Titley –

7-2 Whitebonnet, 4-1 World Express, Seasonal Splendour, 6-1 Wren Warbler, 7-1 Whispering Court, 10-1 Northern Bluff, 12-1 Winn's Pride, 14-1 others.

1.50 BULL RING MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £2,276: 2m) (18 runners)

1 0 BEECH BROOK 41 D Nicholson 6-11-8 A Maguire –
2 CAST THE LINE 166F C Egerton 5-11-8 D Gallagher –
3 5 DANCING SAM 41 T Forster 5-11-8 A Thornton –
4 -430 FENCING MASTER 70 Mrs / McKie 6-11-8 L Harvey 82
5 GILL HALL 0 Davies 7-11-8 Mr J Jukes (7) –
6 224 LATEST THYME 129 T Forster 5-11-8 G McCourt –
7 RED KAY TU 926F M Barraclough 6-11-8 S McNeill –
8 -034 WHERE'S WILLIE 51 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-8 W Humphreys –
9 WOODMANS STAR 44F J Sheehan 5-11-8 R John (7) –
10 00/ MARTI BROWN 691 Miss H Knight 8-11-3 J F Titley –
11 00- ZARDALEE 301 G Yardley 5-11-3 W McFarland –
12 3 BANANA COVE 43 Mrs. J Cecil 4-10-12 T Kent (5) –
13 2P4 DYNAMIC DELUXE 28 S Sherwood 4-10-12 G Upton 93
14 3 KISSAIR 25 (BF) M Pipe 4-10-12 J Lower 85
15 433 MAGIC JUNCTION 21 N Henderson 4-10-12 ... J R Kavanagh 98
16 0 ROBERO 25 K White 4-10-12 T Wall –
17 4 GLAMOUR GAME 25 W Jenks 4-10-7 J Railton 85
18 5 GURNY'S GIRL 82 F Jordan 4-10-7 J Lodder –

3-1 Banana Cove, 4-1 Kissair, 5-1 Magic Junction, 7-1 Latest Thyme, 8-1 Dynamic Deluxe, 10-1 Where's Willie, Glamour Game, 12-1 others.

2.20 REENTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,066: 2m) (20)

1 4-00 FALCONS DAWN 32F M Meagher 8-12-0 F Leahy (5) 86
2 8052 NORTHERN NATION 44 (D,S) W Clay 7-12-0 ... N Juckes (7) 94
3 -055 J BRANDI 21 (D,S,S) R Hodges 8-11-13 A Tory 93
4 -600 NO LIGHT 99 (D,S,S) Mrs I Mckie 8-11-12 L Harvey 80
5 5-50 EDWARD SEYMOUR 21 (CD,S) W Jenks 8-11-5 Mr S Joynes (7) 95
6 30/ CRUISE ALONG 656 N Twiston-Davies 8-11-4 W Humphreys –
7 4/2- RIVER CORSORT 539 A Dunn 7-11-4 C Maude 88
8 -3F5 HIGH POST 8 G Ham 8-11-3 A Maguire 91
9 4450 PROJECT'S MATE 50 (D,S) R Brown 8-11-3 Mr R Johnson (7) 98
10 4432 COBB GATE 41 (B,CD,S) B Stevens 7-11-2 M Stevens 90
11 0-04 PEAK DISTRICT 95 (D,S,S) I Jones 8-11-1 G Hogan (5) 93
12 6036 MUST BE MAGICAL 29 P Bradley 7-11-1 A Thornton 92
13 FP53 IL BAMBINO 27 H Manners 7-11-1 M Appleby (7) 91
14 -22P PIONEER PETE 62 R Frost 8-10-13 J Frost 98
15 -6P6 BY FAR 21 (D,F) Mrs F Dean 9-10-12 J R Kavanagh 91
16 5366 GLOSSY 40 (D,F,S) Mrs M McCourt 8-10-11 G McCourt 82
17 2-4P SABEEL 11 T George 5-10-11 Philip Hughes (7) 93
18 -523 ROCKY BAY 29 (S) B Llewellyn 6-10-9 Guy Lewis (5) 93
19 F3-5 OUR NIKKI 27 P Radford 5-10-3 S Burrough 80
20 /PP DAILY SPORT GIRL 54 (D,S) B Llewellyn 6-10-3 Mr J L Llewellyn (5) –

6-1 Cobb Gate, 7-1 Northern Nation, Rocky Bay, 8-1 Il Bambino, 9-1 High Post, 10-1 Pioneer Pete, 12-1 Edward Seymour, Must Be Magical, 14-1 others.

2.50 BUTTS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,453: 2m 4f) (8)

1 P0F4 BOBBY SOCKS 25 (D,F,S,S) R Lee 9-12-0 F Leahy (5) 98
2 3111 PERCY SMOLLETT 21 (CD,F,S,S) D Nicholson 7-11-13 A Maguire (5) 98
3 -P14 BOLL WEEVIL 80 (D,BF,S,S) O Sherwood 9-11-9 M Richards 95
4 4426 SAILORS LUCK 26 (S,S) P Murphy 10-11-8 E Murphy 96
5 11-4 LADY GHISLAINE 39 (S,S) F Murphy 8-11-4 B Murphy (5) 89
6 F2P5 RIBBESDALE TECH 354P (F,S) T Kinsey 12-10-0 D Gallagher –
7 6P3P OPAL'S TEMPEST 13 (F,S,S) J Bradley 8-10-9 Guy Lewis (5) 98
8 6508 IT'S AFTER TIME 37 (S) Mrs R Blackenbury 10-10-9 J R Kavanagh 82

5-4 Percy Smollett, 7-2 Boll Weevil, 4-1 Bobby Socks, 6-1 Sailors Luck, 8-1 Lady Ghislaine, 14-1 Opal's Tempest, 25-1 others.

3.25 WINSTANSTOW NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,416: 2m 5f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 2233 MASTER TOBY 88 (BF,G) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 W Humphreys 74
2 2122 CERTAINLY STRONG 49 (BF,S) D Nicholson 5-11-2 A Maguire (5) –
3 AKYMANN 226F M Pipe 5-11-0 M Foster –
4 2 ALLEGAN 23 (BF) C Mann 6-11-0 J Railton 94
5 03 CARDINAL GAYLE 18 R Alner 5-11-0 S Earle 67
6 00 DEEP SONG 83 P Pritchard 5-11-0 R Davis –
7 0-P DERRING BRIDGE 44 Mrs S Johnson 5-11-0 Mr R Johnson (7) –
8 32-0 HERBERT BUCHANAN 97 (BF) P Nicholls 5-11-0 ... C Maude 88
9 UF3- KALI SANA 272F R Allsop 7-11-0 B Powell –
10 00 ON APPRO 59 P Johnson 6-11-0 Gary Lyons –
11 2 SKY RUN 21 (BF) M Pipe 5-11-0 J Lower 88
12 2-60 THE SHY PADRE 88 R Lee 6-11-0 R Greene –
13 U WATERFORD COURT 27 A Dunn 8-11-0 M Hourigan –
14 0P BLUCANOO 58 R Lee 5-10-9 L Harvey –
15 0/ CASTLE CLAIRE 1010 R Dickin 8-10-9 D Meredith (3) –
16 UFF- FUMI D'ORO 263P D Burchell 7-10-9 D J Burchell –
17 0P MACY MAGIC 56 P Murphy 7-10-9 D Bohan (7) –
18 0-6P PANDORA'S RRE 96 P Pritchard 7-10-9 K Davies –

2-1 Certainly Strong, 3-1 Allegan, 9-2 Sky Run, 6-1 Master Toby, 8-1 Herbert Buchanan, 10-1 Akymann, 12-1 Cardinal Gayle, 14-1 others.

3.55 ASHFORD CARBONELL HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,891: 2m)

Organisers rule quarter-finalists must stay at altitude

England get no room for World Cup manoeuvre

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THEY may not be based where they wanted to be, but at least the managers of the England rugby union team can get on and plan their World Cup after the tournament directors confirmed yesterday that the quarter-finalists must all be based at altitude. England, whose pool matches are played in Durban, wanted to remain in a hotel at sea level if they qualified for the knockout stage, but they will find themselves quartered either in Johannesburg or Pretoria.

The question of accommodation was in danger of becoming a *cause célèbre*: the Rugby Football Union, which has also been denied the opportunity to stay in the up-country hotel outside Durban which it surveyed last summer, offered Rugby World Cup (RWC) a detailed schedule covering all possible contingencies during the tournament. It kept them in either Durban or Cape Town, moving only to altitude if they were runners-up in their pool or for the final.

"I don't think we have any choice and I am sure we will just get on with it," Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, said. "I'm a bit surprised it won't be possible to stay in the city where you will be playing your next game, which is what happened in the last World Cup, but I don't think it affects England's chances."

England are not the only team to be inconvenienced: Australia, the holders, who are also based at sea level, sought to stay in the cities of their next match venues, but have not pressed the point. South Africa, who play pool matches in Cape Town, may have to move to Johannesburg and return to Cape Town for a quarter-final. Wales wanted more time during pool matches in Johannesburg and less in Bloemfontein, a thousand feet lower, but the RWC directors have stuck to their philosophy of equal treatment for all.

Marcel Martin, director of the RWC commercial programme, compared the treatment that each team will get this summer with that of 1991, when travelling arrangements were left in the hands of individual unions, which resulted in two teams sharing the same flight, one in business class and the other in economy. Should England still insist on doing their own thing, they will run up against the tournament's disputes committee, which has the power to take any sanction against teams that do not comply with the participation agreement.

"We are trying to deal on an equitable basis with all the unions," Sir Ewart Bell, the RWC chairman, said yesterday. "It's a fact of life that, in South Africa, there is only a limited amount of hotel accommodation. It's extremely difficult to deal with this situation in a way that gives everyone what they want.

"If we gave way to England and made six other unions unhappy, what would we have gained? We have responsibilty for 16 participating countries."

Having meted out equal treatment for all, RWC is more concerned about an apparent discrepancy in the projected seats available for the final, at Ellis Park, in Johannesburg. The host union agreement indicated a capacity of 66,000, possibly rising to 75,000; it is now said to be 62,000, a shortfall of some 4,000 tickets at R200 (£40) a ticket.

Audited figures for several venues, where additional work is in train, are still awaited, but the situation is complicated by the local agreement over "suite extras", whereby suite holders are permitted to extend the numbers in their boxes — all of whom require a match ticket — thus creating a flexible overall capacity.

The addition of Xerox, the document company, completes an impressive list of global sponsors for the World Cup and virtually ensures the attainment of the commercial target of £30 million. One of the main sponsors, Heineken, will also be the broadcast sponsor after reaching a £2 million agreement with ITV.

☐ The Scotland team to play France in Paris on February 18 in the five nations' championship will be known today, but is likely to be unchanged from that which beat Canada and Ireland.

PAUL HANNA



Andrew, of England, and Sella, of France, get to grips with the rugby World Cup

Selection delayed

THE Wales selectors have put back by 48 hours their announcement of the XV to play England in Cardiff on February 18 (David Hands writes). This will allow them to watch the round of Heineken League matches tonight, in which Hemi Taylor will make his comeback from injury for Cardiff against Treorchy.

Taylor damaged a hand in a nightclub on Christmas Eve and was not expected to be fit until later this month, but the New Zealand-born flanker's progress has been so rapid that he will play alongside Emyr Lewis — who has also returned from injury and will be playing his second league game in five days — and Mike Hall, who damaged ribs 11 days ago.

Should Taylor emerge unscathed, he seems certain to be included when the team is announced tomorrow.

Adedayo Adebayo, the Bath wing, has been added to the replacements for the England A international against Italy A at Gloucester on February 19. He takes the place of Will Greenwood, who is required for the Emerging England side that will play Romania A at West Hartlepool on February 17. Greenwood, the Harlequins centre, plays full back because Mark Mapletoft, of Gloucester, will not be fit.

Scots hope to protect pitch at national stadium

By Mark Souster

THE Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) is to review the number of matches to be played at Murrayfield next season because of the deteriorating state of the pitch. Soil experts last week took samples from the playing surface, which was once among the best in Britain but more recently has been the target for criticism.

Certain areas are bare and heavy with mud. After the international against Canada last month, the Scotland coach, Dougie Morgan, described its condition as the worst he had ever seen.

The new £45 million all-seater stadium is the root cause of the problem. The huge stands that now enclose Murrayfield cast vast shadows over much of the ground during winter. Without sun and, more importantly, drying winds circulating at pitch level, areas suffering from heavy wear and tear have not been able to recover.

The SRU knew before embarking on the stadium's reconstruction that there would be teething troubles, but they admit that the number of matches played — 20 so far this season, including three in a row on the day Scotland met South Africa — has exacerbated the problems, as have some atrocious weather conditions.

Bill Flogg, the SRU chief executive, said: "It's been an unfortunate coincidence but, in the light of what's happened this winter, we will be looking at our schedule for next winter shortly."

Before then, however, Murrayfield is to be the venue this summer for the Scotland Claymores team in the reconstituted world league of American football. It will also stage a rock concert in July.

The difficulties experienced by Murrayfield are not unique to Scotland and in no way reflect on the work of the ground staff, led by Bill Elwood. Other unions who have rebuilt their stadia have experienced similar growing pains. Tony Horne, ground manager of the national stadium in Wales, said that it had taken four years to get the pitch "somewhere near good quality".

Bates falls at first hurdle in Dubai

JEREMY BATES suffered his most embarrassing defeat for some time in the first round of the Dubai Open tennis tournament yesterday when he was beaten by a young German who had not expected to be playing in the competition. Carsten Arriens, 23, had failed to survive the qualifying stages of the tournament, but was called into the opening round as a "lucky loser" after Mark Woodforde, of Australia, withdrew. However, Arriens convincingly beat the British No 1 in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4.

Bates was not helped by an early dispute with the umpire, Rudy Berger, in only the third point of the match when Berger overruled a call, giving Arriens an ace. The umpire then refused to ask the crowd to be quiet during play. "I made so many errors and had no confidence when hitting the ball. I was pushing it instead of hitting it," Bates said. "It was a horrible match for me, but Arriens played well. He had nothing to lose. I could do absolutely nothing with the ball."

Magee raises his sights

BOXING: Noel Magee, from Belfast, will challenge Fabrice Tiozzo, of France, for the European light-heavyweight title on March 4 in Marseilles. Magee, 29, who has twice failed in British title challenges, has had his proposed challenge for Gary Delaney's Commonwealth title postponed three times, but yesterday he was delighted when Barney Eastwood, his manager, announced the new challenge. "This sport is all about making money and I am getting double the purse I would have got for fighting Delaney," Magee said. "I have been trying very hard for some time now and I believe Tiozzo's come-forward style will suit me. I'll be trying 100 per cent every round and I believe I'll bring the title back."

Women break through

DARTS: Next year's Embassy world professional championship will be open to women for the first time, the British Darts Organisation (BDO) announced yesterday. The leading eight women in the BDO international rankings will be invited to compete in the international play-offs in December, which precede the final stages of the event in January. The two top women players are both British — Deta Hedman, from Essex, and Mandy Solomons, of London — but they are unlikely to reach the final rounds because of the strength in depth of the men's game.

Ireland offer test

NETBALL: Youth and experience are blended in a new-look England team to face Ireland in Bedford on Saturday. "The newcomers are all pushing hard for regular senior honours and the match is a great opportunity to see them in action before the world championship in Birmingham in July," the England coach, Liz Broomhead, said. Kendra Slawinski, 32, will captain the side, in which Joanne Hall and Louise Sheridan, both 22, will make their debuts.

TEAM: M Buck (Middlesex), S Flemings (Middlesex), J Manson (Beds), J Hall (G Manchester), S Bird (Essex Met), H Kelly (Birmingham), K Slawinski (Beds), S Olden (Derbys), L Sheridan (Beds), J Zinzan (Middlesex)

Prenn dominates

REAL TENNIS: John Prenn, the former world rackets champion, and Claire Southwell fought back from a set down against Fiona Deuchar, from Australia, and John Wilson to win the Oracle British mixed doubles championship at Hampton Court. Prenn dominated the play.

☐ Nigel Pendrigh and James Acheson-Gray, of Charterhouse, the British amateur doubles champions, won the Henry Leaf public schools old boys doubles championship against the Haileybury pairing of William Hollington and Ruaraidh Gunn.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Poly Road. 2.40 Ertion. 3.15 Mazilla. 3.45 Red Admiral. 4.15 Harlequin Walk. 4.45 Noufari.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.10 Soldier's Leap. 2.40 Ertion. 3.15 Mazilla.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 WELLAND CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,537: 1m 1f 79yd) (9 runners)

1 4-03 SOLDIER'S LEAP 11 (V,6) C Brittain 9-5 R Cochrane 1
2 20-1 DURGAMS FIRST 37 (G) Mrs M Reveley 9-1 G Parkin (7) 8
3 0-6 RECOVERY LAD 23 K Burke 8-5 D R McCabe (3) 9
4 0331 POLY LANE 9 (B,F,G,S) W Muir 8-3 D Harrison 5
5 02-5 TONKA 19 (V,S) D Murray Smith 8-3 A Mackay 3
6 -413 POLY ROAD 16 (G) M Channon 8-2 C Rutter 4
7 50-0 DUALTAIR RIDGE 33 (V) J Bottomley 8-2 J Quinn 5
8 -645 FOOLS OF PRIDE 9 R Hollinshead 8-0 A Garth (5) 6
9 06-0 RED OWA LADY 15 C Hill 7-10 G Bardwell 7

3-1 Soldier's Leap, 7-2 Poly Road, 4-1 Poly Lane, 5-1 Durgams First, 7-1 Tonka, 10-1 Fools Of Pride. 12-1 others.

2.40 TYNE HANDICAP
(£5,602: 1m 100yd) (8)

1 11-2 ERTLON 25 (D,BF,F,G) C Brittain 5-10-0 B Doyle 3
2 01-1 ROCKETEER 35 (B,C,G) W Muir 4-9-13 D Harrison 5
3 60-2 FOLLY FINNESSE 14 (G) B Millman 4-9-0 T Ives 7
4 3112 HAWKWAM 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) E Alston 9-8-9 L Dettori 4
5 0-11 LEGAL FICTION 7 (C,G) M Johnston 4-8-9 (6ex) Dean McKeown 8
6 -013 ARNOLLY B (B,C,G) B Meehan 4-8-8 DOUBTFUL 2
7 4-21 KOMREYEV DANCER 14 (CD,G) A Bailey 3-8-1 G Bardwell 1
8 40-0 DUBAI FALCON 28 R Dicken 4-7-13 C Rutter 6

11-4 Ertlon, 7-2 Legal Fiction, 4-1 Komreyev Dancer, 6-1 Rocketeer, Folly Finnesse, 7-1 Hawkwam, 20-1 Dubai Falcon

3.15 DIXONS THE ESTATE AGENTS CHALLENGE 95 HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,589: 7f) (8)

1 2-34 MASTER MILLFIELD 7 (CD,G) C Hill 9-7 R Cochrane 7
2 231- CHADLEIGH LANE 84 (G) R Hollinshead 8-13 T Ives 4
3 -152 CRYSTAL LODP 7 (C,G) A Bailey 8-12 Oliver Casey (7) 8
4 0-21 IRON MAN 15 (V,D,G) M Johnston 8-7 W Woods 2
5 -211 MAZILLA 12 (CD,G) W Haggas 8-5 P P Murphy (5) 3
6 600- AL CORNICHE 111 (F) M Channon 8-0 L Charnock 1
7 020- HO MEI SURPRISE 116 B Preece 7-12 J Quinn 6
8 3-04 TAPPING FEET 16 M Prescott 7-8 G Bardwell 5

3-1 Chadleigh Lane, 4-1 Crystal Loup, 9-2 Mazilla, 5-1 Iron Man, 6-1 Master Millfield, 7-1 Ho Mei Surprise, 10-1 Tapping Feet, 16-1 Al Corniche

3.45 LADBROKE ALL WEATHER BOWL SERIES HANDICAP
(Qualifier: £3,453: 5f) (9)

1 000- GONDO 116 (D,F,G,S) E Alston 8-10-0 S Knott (7) 3
2 10-3 RED ADMIRAL 11 (C,D,F,G) P Haslam 5-10-0 Nicola Howarth (7) 1
3 00-0 JON'S CHOICE 28 (C,G) B Preece 7-9-12 T Wall 2
4 3504 DELROB 14 (CD,G) D Haydn Jones 4-9-8 A Mackay 4
5 605- ROCKY TWO 39 (B,D,G) P Howling 4-9-5 W Woods 9
6 0-61 SCORED AGAIN 14 (CD,F,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-5 Amanda Sanders (7) 5
7 0-41 CHADWELL HALL 4 (B,C,G) S Bowring 4-8-9 (7ex) C Teague (7) 6
8 000- GRAND TIME 180 (D,F,G,S) C Hill 6-8-6 G Bardwell 7
9 00-9 BATON BLEU 27 P Howling 4-8-4 J Quinn 8

3-1 Scored Again, 7-2 Chadwell Hall, 4-1 Red Admiral, 6-1 Delrob, 7-1 Rocky Two, 8-1 Gondo, 10-1 Jon's Choice. 12-1 others.

4.15 NENE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,995: 1m 4f) (10)

1 3 DAPHNIS 54 (B) W Nesbp 6-9-7 R Cochrane 1
2 NIRVANA PRINCE 183 B Preece 6-9-2 T Wall 8
3 60/ TURFMANS VISION 210 R Hollinshead 5-9-2 T Ives 2
4 /00- MOLLINSBURN 299 J A Harris 4-8-12 C Teague (7) 5
5 42-6 OPERA BUFF 4 M Pipe 4-8-12 G Carter 7
6 6-20 SHARP THRILL 19 (V) B Smart 4-8-12 D Harrison 3
7 4 SEVERN GALE 21 K White 5-8-11 A Clark 6
8 200- HARLEQUIN WALK 118 (B) A Hide 4-8-7 J Quinn 10
9 0 HOMEBEFOREMIDNIGHT 30 R Hollinshead 4-8-7 R Gordon (7) 9
10 00- MOONLIGHT CALYPSO 117 E Alston 4-8-7 M Fenton 4

3-1 Nirvana Prince, 7-2 Opera Buff, 9-2 Severn Gale, 11-2 Daphnis, 6-1 Harlequin Walk, 7-1 Moonlight Calypso. 10-1 Sharp Thrill, 12-1 others.

4.45 THAMES HANDICAP (£4,182: 1m 4f) (10)

1 0-05 RAINBOW WALK 14 (CD,G) J O'Shea 5-10-0 R Cochrane 4
2 15-1 NOUFARI 35 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-7 T Ives 7
3 210- NEW INN 55 (CD,G,S) E Weymes 4-9-7 J Stack (5) 2
4 3-13 THALEROS 5 (D,G) S Moore 5-9-6 A Clark 5
5 -112 STEVIE'S WONDER 7 (D,BF,G,S) M Ryan 5-9-6 G Carter 8
6 1-14 BALLYHANTER 15 (V,D,BF,F,G,S) H Collingridge 6-9-4 J Quinn 10
7 535P MILNSAVIE 11 (C,D,F,G,S) M Johnston 5-9-0 Dean McKeown 8
8 -424 SURPRISE GUEST 22 (C,D,F,G,S) A James 4-9-0 S Sanders (5) 3
9 6-30 PHILGUN 7 (V,D,F,G,S) W Elsey 6-8-13 N Kennedy 9
10 5-61 COMTEC'S LEGEND 12 (CD,F,G) J Bottomley 5-7-7 G Bardwell 1

7-2 Noufari, 4-1 Stevie's Wonder, 5-1 Thaleros, 6-1 New Inn, 7-1 Ballyhanter, 8-1 Rainbow Walk. 10-1 Surprise Guest, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS. W Haggas, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; M Johnston, 19 from 93, 30.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 9 from 31, 29%; M Prescott, 10 from 36, 27.8%; M Heaton-Ellis, 3 from 13, 23.1%; P Haslam, 16 from 76, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS. W Woods, 5 winners from 13 rides, 38.5%; L Dettori, 23 from 115, 20%; R Cochrane, 10 from 68, 16.7%; D Harrison, 8 from 55, 14.5%; A Clark, 11 from 86, 12.8%; Dean McKeown, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Carlisle

Going: heavy

1.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Mecado (W McFarland, 12-1); 2, Cheeky Pot (7-1); 3, Galaxy Rain (10-1) Newsnockey 9-4 fav, 13 ran 2¼l, 7l. P Yardley. Tote: £10.40; £3.30, £1.70, £5.80. DF: £20.70. Tno: £203.50. CSF: £83.48. Tricast: £787.01. No bid

2.00 (3m chl) 1, Brave Buccaneer (P Niven, 5-1); 2, Sparrow Hall (8-1), 3, Northants (4-5 fav); 13 ran 3l, 3l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £7.10; £1.90, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £21.80. Tno: £7.80. CSF: £40.90.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Windswept Lady (P Niven, 10-11 fav); 2, Caslin Glade (6-1), 3, The Whirlie Weeval (4-1) 13 ran 7l, 10l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.80, £1.10, £2.30. £1.40. DF: £6.60. CSF: £6.49.

3.00 (2m chl) 1, Rejorius (N Doughty, 5-1); 2, Positive Action (5-2); 3, Kambalda Rambler (5-2). Terrible Gel 2-1 fav. 4 ran. 13l, 11l. J Eyre. Tote: £5.50. DF: £5.60. CSF: £16.19.

3.30 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Miss Capulet (T Eley, 15-2); 2, Dorlin Castle (2-1); 3, Sansool (11-8 fav). 9 ran. 3l, 15l. T Donnelly. Tote: £7.80; £1.60, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £8.50. Tno: £4.60. CSF: £18.90. Tricast: £25.41.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Another Dyer (T Reed, 2-1 fav), 2, Ote Ole (10-1), 3, Mutual Trust (5-2). 7 ran. 9l, 8l. Lungo Tote: £2.70, £2.60, £4.20. DF: £20.60. CSF: £18.53.

4.30 (2m 1f flat) 1, Santa Concerto (F Perratt, 4-1) 2, Go-Informal (5-4 fav), 3, Ansuro Again (9-1) 19 ran. 16l, 3½l. L Lungo. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £1.50, £3.90. DF: £9.40. CSF: £13.40.

Placepot: £95.80. Quadpot: £59.30 (0.60 winning tickets). Pool of £32.08 carried forward to Ascot today).

Warwick

Going: good to soft (chase); soft (hdls)

1.40 (2m hdle) 1, Stompin (J Osborne, 5-2 fav); 2, Chickawicka (7-2); 3, No Fiddling (33-1) 15 ran. NR: Double Jeopardy 7l, ½l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £3.30, £1.40, £2.00, £5.00. DF: £4.50. CSF: £12.46.

2.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Dolly Oats (A Maguire, 10-1); 2, Rectory Garden (4-1); 3, Manners Mirror (50-1) Le Gimno 11-4 fav. 16 ran. 1¼l, 5l. D Nicholson. Tote: £10.20; £3.00, £1.60, £6.10. DF: £27.00. CSF: £48.48.

2.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Ask The Governor (A P McCoy, 100-30 jt-fav), 2, Sun Surrier (7-2), 3, Island Jewel (4-1) Fast Thoughts 100-30 jt-fav. 8 ran. Nk, 5l. G Balding. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £9.30. CSF: £15.15. Tricast: £43.83.

3.10 (3m 2f ch) 1, Maamur (W Marston, 15-8 fav), 2, Celtic Berle (4-1); 3, Silmup Cup (20-1) 10 ran. 3½l, 30l. C Broad. Tote: Sun Surrier (7-2), 3, Island Jewel (4-1) Fast Thoughts 100-30 jt-fav. 8 ran. Nk, 5l. G Balding. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £9.30. CSF: £15.15. Tricast: £43.83.

3.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Bear Claw (J Osborne, 6-1); 2, Even Flow (11-2); 3, Call It A Day (7-2 fav) 19 ran. NR: Frensham Canyon. 6l, 4l. O Sherwood. Tote: £7.10; £2.00, £2.60, £2.40. DF: £27.30. CSF: £40.09.

4.10 (3m 2f ch) 1, Double Silk (Mr R Treloggen, 1-4 fav); 2, Cape Cottage (5-1); 3, My Mellow Man (14-1) 5 ran. 25l, 30l. R Wilkins. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.15.

4.40 (2m flat) 1, Oh So Bright (J A McCarthy, 7-1); 2, Lucia Forte (9-1), 3, Voolino (14-1) Giunda 4-1 fav. 24 ran. NR: Miss Cachlat. 2l, 1¼l. O Sherwood. Tote: £12.20; £4.70, £3.50, £8.40. DF: £44.10. CSF: £78.91.

Jackpot: £8,089.90 (0.65 winning tickets. Pool of £3,978.12 carried forward to Ascot today). Placepot: £11.70. Quadpot: £8.10.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.50 (1m 2f) 1, Masnun (A Clark, 2-1 fav), 2, Prince Danzig (5-2), 3, Mediand (4-1) 11 ran. ½l, 1¾l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £2.70, £1.10, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £3.50. CSF: £7.42.

2.20 (6f) 1, Robo Magic (R Cochrane, 9-4), 2, Baileys Sunset (6-4 fav), 3, Nadwasty (2-1) 6 ran. 5l, 3½l. A Moore. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £4.30. CSF: £6.10.

2.50 (6f) 1, Sir Tasker (S Sanders, 20-1); 2, Waverley Star (20-1); 3, Apollo Red (7-1) Crystal Heights 11-4 fav. 9 ran. Nk, 1¼l. J L Harris. Tote: £18.70; £4.40, £11.40, £2.30. DF: £55.10. Tno: £331.70. CSF: £281.40. Tricast: £2,756.82.

3.20 (1m 4f) 1, Majal (Dean McKeown, 13-2), 2, Head Turner (10-11 fav), 3, Pearly River (25-1) 7 ran. 1¼l, nk. J Wainwright. Tote: £11.20; £2.60, £1.10. DF: £4.60. CSF: £12.33.

3.50 (7f) 1, Wild Rose (W Woods, 10-11 fav), 2, Nuthatch (8-1); 3, Breckland (25-1) 7 ran. NR: Opera Fan. 3½l, 6l. G Wragg. Tote: £3.10; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £7.20. CSF: £8.76.

4.20 (1m) 1, Mantalasamythin (Miss Bridget Gallenouse, 7-2), 2, Bold Habe (7-2), 3, Rocksime (6-4 fav) 9 ran. NR: Pair Of Jacks. 8l, 1½l. A Bailey. Tote: £7.60, £3.60, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £8.00. Tno: £4.50. CSF: £15.81. Tricast: £22.82.

Placepot: £102.60. Quadpot: not won

Jockeys' title reverts to winners

THE Jockeys' Association yesterday completed an embarrassing U-turn when riders formally learnt that the controversial new prize-money championships are being scrapped.

The traditional winners format, abandoned a little over a month ago, will be reinstated immediately with the Flat championship, as in 1994, running from January 1 to December 31.

The establishment of separate turf and all-weather titles was considered too complicated to introduce this year.

The first to benefit will be supporters of Frankie Dettori who, having cut back his all-weather commitments while the title confusion was cleared up, is likely to return to the sand full-time from Thursday.

The decision, to be officially announced by the Jockeys' Association secretary, Michael Caulfield, today, completes a humiliating climbdown for the jockeys' representative who has already conceded that the decision to switch to the unpopular prize-money format was badly handled.

Caulfield told his members yesterday: "Despite the well-intentioned move to prize-money from winners, we cannot fail to recognise that the changes have been unpopular and, to a degree, unaccepted by many other sections of the industry and jockeys.

"I know there are some jockeys who would like to have seen the prize-money factor retained for one year, but the overall weight of opinion was to revert back to winners.

"Therefore, I feel an early announcement should be made signalling the change back to winners. This should not have any great implications for jump racing as the present season still has four months to run.

He added: "With regards to Flat racing, there was some discussion on whether to separate the Turf and AWT season. On balance, it was felt that it may cause further confusion and controversy to create a new season in 1995."

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Millwall in confident mood

McCarthy fears nothing from troubled Chelsea

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

TEN years ago, Millwall played Chelsea in a rearranged FA Cup fourth-round tie at a bitterly cold Stamford Bridge. Though George Graham, the then Millwall manager, was leading his side towards promotion from the old third division, they were given little chance against their first-division opponents. However, two goals from Steve Lovell and one from John Fashanu proved otherwise in a 3-2 victory for the underdogs.

Tonight, Millwall return to Stamford Bridge for a fourth-round replay, but while the gap in status is still significant — Endsleigh Insurance League first division meets FA Carling Premiership — the invaders from the New Den entertain far more realistic pre-match hopes than their plucky predecessors.

Millwall have been beaten only once — the 3-1 Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final defeat at Swindon Town last month — in 14 matches and Mick McCarthy, their manager, has guided his young team to within seven points of the first division play-off places. Premiership scouts are also eyeing the rich talent of Andy Roberts, Ben Thatcher, Alex Rae and Mark Kennedy.

Chelsea, fortunate to escape with a 0-0 draw in the first game 11 days ago and without a Premiership win in nine matches, will be acutely aware that lack of home advantage is unlikely to unsettle Millwall. They won 2-0 against Arsenal at Highbury, in a third-round replay after a 0-0 draw, and beat Nottingham Forest 2-0 in a Coca-Cola fourth-round tie at the City Ground in November.

"We've got no worries about going to Stamford Bridge," McCarthy said. "Chelsea are a bit like Arsenal — they're not going through the greatest of spells — and we've every reason to be confident." Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea player-manager, does not underestimate the task ahead. "We might have earned a replay but we've still got the hardest part of the job to come," he said.

As Chelsea, beaten Cup finalists last season, fret over the possibility of an earlier exit this time around, thus missing a fifth-round derby at Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield Wednesday, runners-up in 1993, face a similarly awkward replay at Wolverhampton Wanderers. Wednesday could have already secured a berth in the next round, against Leicester City, after being awarded a controversial penalty two minutes from the end of the first game. Yet with the score at 0-0, Chris Bart-Williams saw his effort saved by Paul Jones, the Wolves goalkeeper.

Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, was swift to scotch reports yesterday that he was being lined up as a replacement for Sven-Goran Eriksson at Sampdoria, the Italian *Serie A* club at which Francis spent four years as a player. "It's just speculation," Francis said. "I've still got 16 months left of my contract here and I'm not going anywhere."

The line-up for the last 16 of the Cup will be concluded tonight, with Luton Town also trying to strike a blow for the Endsleigh Insurance League when they take on Southampton at The Dell. They welcome back David Preece, the midfield player, who has been absent with flu. Jamie Woodsford, the forward, has also been added to the squad. The winners will meet Tottenham Hotspur.

Norwich City and Coventry City meet in a strictly Premiership affair at Carrow Road. With Ashley Ward cup-tied, John Deehan, the Norwich manager, is likely to partner Darren Eadie, normally a winger, in a striking role with Mike Sheron. The reward for the winners is a tie against Everton.

Smith makes light of McCoist injury

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

MOST managers are reduced to tears rather than mirth upon hearing that their prolific scorer will be missing for up to six weeks. Walter Smith of Rangers, though, is the exception. After the 3-1 victory over Hamilton Academical in Monday's Tennents Scottish Cup third-round tie, he informed the press of the severity of the ankle injury sustained by Ally McCoist at the weekend.

The manager could not then resist teasing journalists so besotted with the famed forward that they see the makings of a potential soap opera in his every deed: "Now," Smith said in mock-admonition, "the injury is not life-threatening." Such levity about the condition of a player who has scored 299 goals for Rangers can only stem from a man whose side is flourishing.

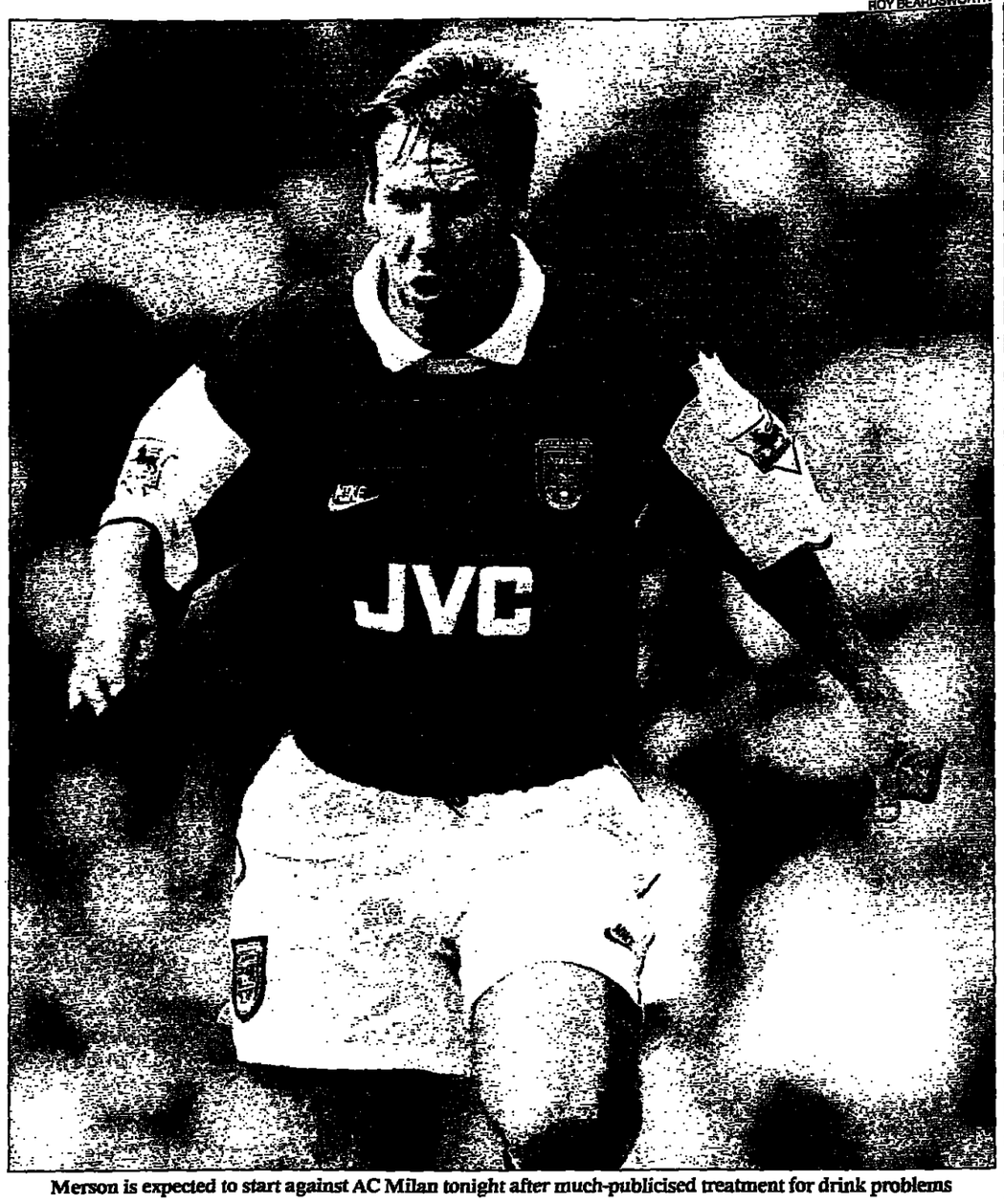
McCoist's appearances for Rangers have been scarce since he broke his leg while playing for Scotland against Portugal in the spring of 1993. A series of other injuries began to pester him after the bone itself had healed. The latest damage was, for instance, sustained within a minute of his introduction against Dundee United in Saturday's 1-1 draw as he collided with the goalkeeper, Kelham O'Hanlon, while attempting to score.

The fact that McCoist is 32 encourages some to believe that his body has made its own decision to retire, even if its owner disagrees. Smith will not join that alarmist tendency, taking the view that the player is suffering from no more than sustained misfortune. The manager can afford the relaxed outlook so long as Rangers, without McCoist, are capable of making the profusion of goalscoring chances that they enjoyed against Hamilton.

Rangers are not the only team capable of drawing goals from unexpected sources. Alex Burns, a 21-year-old who feared that his career with Motherwell had reached an impasse, scored both goals in his side's 2-0 win over Falkirk at Brockville in a cup-tie that had to be replayed after floodlight failure forced the abandonment of their first meeting last week.

Illumination as to the outcome of the tie between Berwick Rangers and Meadowbank is still awaited after their 1-1 draw on Tuesday. A harsh ruling has forced them to have the replay a mere 24 hours later. The side teetering wearily into the fourth round will have to play Celtic at Hampden.

Aberdeen have confirmed that Roy Aitken will be caretaker manager until the end of the season, following the dismissal of Willy Miller on Monday. His first match in charge will be against Rangers on Sunday.



Merson is expected to start against AC Milan tonight after much-publicised treatment for drink problems

Graham savours European detour

FROM SIMON BARNES IN MILAN

THE European Super Cup is not an event calculated to stir the blood. This two-horse race between the winners of the European Cup Winners' Cup and the European Cup is, under normal circumstances, an exercise in finance — little more than a friendly with attitude.

But as Arsenal prepare to take on AC Milan in the second leg, after the teams had finished 0-0 in the first, both clubs felt the pressure of strange circumstances.

Today Italy starts football again after a long week of silence. The silence was self-imposed after a Milan supporter killed a Genoa supporter with a knife ten days ago. All sport in Italy was cancelled last weekend in a nationwide response of pure emotion. Pity and terror had outdone the normal instincts of business.

There are 2,000 Arsenal followers in the city, and the usual preparations for visiting supporters have been made. "What we are more concerned about is how our own fans behave," a Milan spokesman, Ugo Allevi, said.

Arsenal's troubles are more varied, if less terrible. Yet another turbulent fixture last weekend against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough brought them two sendings-off. Their total of bookings for the season is 63 in 40 games.

The manager, George Graham, has appealed against the ordering off of the captain, Tony Adams, for elbowing the Wednesday striker, Mark Bright.

Arsenal insist the contact was accidental and Graham has sent a video of the incident to the Football Association: "It is clear from the film that Tony was looking at the referee and just demonstrating what Bright had been doing to him with an arm." Graham is still under investigation for financial impropriety. In such a climate, the news that Paul Merson, self-confessed alcoholic, is likely to start for Arsenal tonight is rather cheering.

A troubled man in a troubled season, Graham is putting up a smiling, sporting front. No, this is not a meaningless game: "We are having a bad season by our standards, and any win in any cup is worth something."

Arsenal are 6-1 with the bookmakers; Milan 2-1 on. That might be worth a punt, considering these are at least decent odds for a two-horse race. Fact: Arsenal played nine European matches last year; in six they denied the opposition a goal.

"European football has a different tempo," Graham said. "Slow, slow — and then little bursts. More like chess. And I enjoy pitting my wits against anyone in Europe."

Arsenal ran themselves ragged last Saturday as a nine-man team chased the game against Sheffield Wednesday. Meanwhile, Milan took their enforced break of mourning. Clearly, freshness will be a factor. Arsenal's main asset is less obvious but nonetheless valuable — sheer bloody-mindedness. The corporate resolve that floods members of a team when they feel that the world is against them can decide the outcome of football matches.

"There's no reason why we can't nick it," Graham said. As football continues its strange season, passing from one dishonour to the next, it is a relief to get back to football of any kind. After murder, addiction and allegations of peculation, the nonsense of the European Super Cup acquires an odd kind of dignity.

Fenwick is quick to dismiss staff at Portsmouth

TERRY FENWICK, the new Portsmouth manager, yesterday dismissed the club's assistant manager, Graham Paddon, the reserve team manager, Mike Bailey, and the club's chief scout, John Sillett. Fenwick, 35, replaced Jim Smith last week when Smith left the club after almost four years in charge.

Paddon was Smith's No 2 and also the assistant to Alan Ball in his five-year spell at Fratton Park up to 1989. He had two years left on his contract. Neither Bailey or Sillett were on contracts.

Last month, Portsmouth were put on the market for £7 million by the club chairman, Jim Gregory. Portsmouth beat Stoke City 2-0 at the Victoria Ground in Fenwick's first game in charge on Saturday.

The Aston Villa striker, Dalian Atkinson, who has been sidelined through illness and injury since the end of November, is likely to return against Wimbledon on Saturday. Atkinson, who scored five goals in six games before being hit by a hamstring problem, is back in full training.

John Fashanu, however, who suffered a knee injury against Manchester United last weekend, faces a more uncertain future and will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his knee tomorrow after a scan failed to reveal the extent of the damage.

Brian Little, the Villa manager, said: "The swelling is preventing an accurate diagnosis. As a result, he will have an X-ray and then an arthroscopy, which will give us a true picture. I would like to think John will be back soon."

Little played down reports linking him with the Manchester City striker, Niall Quinn, and claimed he has made "no inquiry" in that direction. Villa's transfer-listed midfield player, Garry Parker, is, however, expected to decide in the next 24 hours whether to move to Leicester City in a £600,000 deal.

West Bromwich Albion are to approach the guitarist, Eric Clapton, in a bid to raise money for new players. The club hopes he will play at concert at The Hawthorns.

Four players from the Vauxhall Conference club, Kidderminster Harriers, have been included in the England semi-professional squad for the game against Wales at Yeovil Town on February 28.

ENGLAND SEMI-PROFESSIONAL SQUAD: S Farrelly (Macclesfield Town), L Batty (Woking), S Hodson (Kidderminster Harriers), A Reid (Altrincham), S Holden (Kettering), K Brown (Woking), S Blinson (Macclesfield Town), C Browne (Dover Athletic), P Webb (Kidderminster Harriers), S Slott (Bromsgrove Rovers), M Hine (Gateshead United), R Forsyth (Kidderminster Harriers), D Humphreys (Kidderminster Harriers), I Arnold (Kettering), L May (Stafford Rangers), I. Watson (Marine).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

European Super Cup
Second leg
AC Milan (0) v Arsenal (0)

FA Cup
Fourth round replays
*Chelsea v Millwall (7.45)
Norwich v Coventry (7.45)
Southampton v Luton
*Wolverhampton v Sheff Wed (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
First division
Airdrie v Clydebank

Third division
Albion v Montrose

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Winsford v Hyde. Unitiia First division Cup: Second round replay: Caernarfon v Warrington.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Third division: Collier Row v Harefield.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff v Maesteg Park (7.45). Cup: Third round, second leg: Llansantfraid v Bangor City (7.45).
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hatfield v Wingate and Finchley; Royston v Letchworth.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Elmore. Les Phillips Cup: Glastonbury v Liskeard Athletic.
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Shifnal v Barwell; Stapenhill v Boldmere St. M.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP: Third round replay: Penrith v Holker Old Boys.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Cowes Sports v AFC Totton; Downton v Swanage and Herston. Cup: Quarter-finals: First leg: Fleet v AFC Lymington; Ryde Sports v Thatcham.
HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division Cup: Third round: Fairford Town v Bicester Town; Shortwood United v Almondsbury Town.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Langney Sports v Eastbourne Town; Littlehampton v Wick; Whitehawk v Arundel.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hallam v Liversedge.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Tower Hamlets v Brimsdown Rovers.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich v Millwall (at Bury St Edmunds); Wimbledon v Watford (at Wimbledon, Plough Lane, 2.0). Postponed: Oxford United v Brighton. Second division: Birmingham v Yeovil (7.0); Bournemouth v Torquay (2.0); Cardiff v Bath (7.45); Plymouth v Cheltenham (7.45); Swansea v Exeter (2.0).
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bolton v Aston Villa (7.0); Nottingham Forest v Sheffield United (7.0); Sunderland v Manchester United (7.0); Tranmere v Notts County (7.0); West Bromwich v Blackburn (7.0). Second division: Bradford v Blackpool (7.0); Burnley v Port Vale (7.15); Huddersfield v York (7.0); Hull v Manchester City (7.0); Middlesbrough v Oldham (7.0).
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Omagh v Cliftonville.
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: St James Gate v Fanad (7.0). First round replay: Limerick FC v Bohemians (2.30).
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Tottenham Hotspur v Southend.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fujitsu Trophy: Quarter-final: South Tyneside v Langbaurgh (at Reyrolls FC, 7.0). English Knowles Cup: Hertfordshire v Suffolk (at Westminster Lodge, 7.30). English Schools Snickers Trophy: Under-19: Second round: Shrewsbury v Preston College (2.0).

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0 unless stated

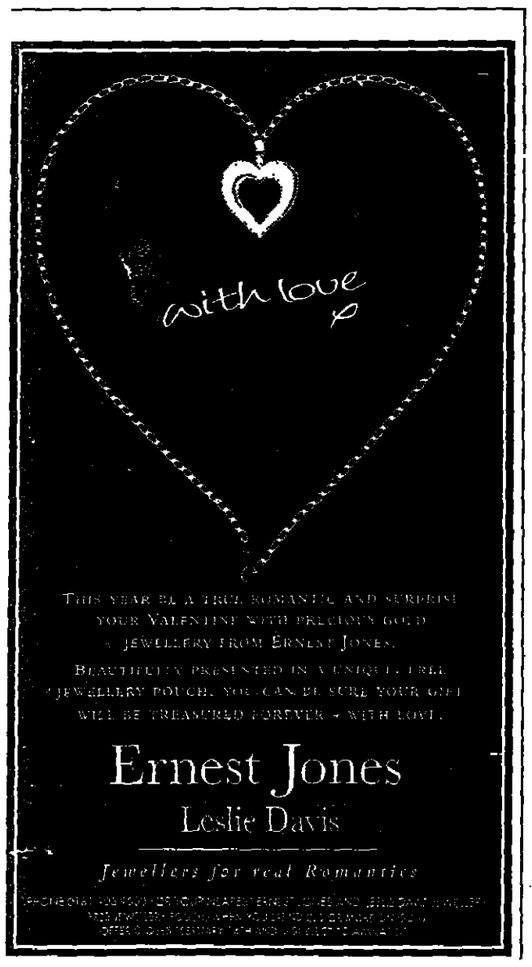
Heineken League
First division
Abertillery v Pontypool
Bridgend v Pontypridd
Cardiff v Treorchy
Dunvant v Llanelli
Newbridge v Swansea (7.15)
Newport v Neath

Second division
Aberavon v Ebbw Vale

Club matches
Oxford Univ v Army (3.0)
Royal Navy v Cambridge Univ (at U S Portsmouth, 6.0).....

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: National Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Leopards v Thames Valley (7.0)
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wembley).
SPEED SKATING: International competition (Guildford).
TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Bramhall). LTA women's satellite tournament (Sheffield).



FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Houston 124 Phoenix 100; Orlando 103 New York 100; Seattle 136 Miami 105; Charlotte 111 Washington 105; Boston 115 Minnesota 82; Chicago 97 Golden State 93.

CRICKET

First Test Match
New Zealand v West Indies
CHRISTCHURCH (final day of five): Match drawn
NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 341-8 dec (A C Parore 100 not out, S P Fleming 56)

Second Innings

B A Young c Murray b K Benjamin	21
D L Murray c Murray b Walsh	8
A H Jones not out	10
*K Rutherford not out	16
Extras (lb 1, nb 5)	6
Total (2 wkts)	61

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-33.
BOWLING: Ambrose 3-0-7-0; J Benjamin 5-1-12-0; K Benjamin 6-0-12-1; Walsh 4-1-8-1; Arthurton 5-1-9-1; Adams 3-1-4-0, Lara 4-0-6-0; Chanderpaul 2-2-0-0

WEST INDIES: First Innings

S C Williams c Parore b Morrison	10
S L Campbell low b Morrison	57
B C Lara b Morrison	2
J C Adams c Doull b Morrison	13
K L T Arthurton run out	1
S Chanderpaul b Thomson	69
†J R Murray c Murray b Thomson	28
W K M Benjamin b Doull	85
C E L Ambrose b Morrison	33
*C A Walsh not out	0
K C G Benjamin c Parore b Morrison	5
Extras (lb 11, nb4)	15
Total	312

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-21, 3-49, 4-54, 5-98, 6-155, 7-232, 8-288, 9-307.
BOWLING: Morrison 25.2-8-69-6; Nash 5-2-11-0; Doull 22-5-85-1; Hart 25-2-75-0; Thomson 18-3-61-2
Man-of-the-match: A Parore

Second Test match
Zimbabwe v Pakistan
Bulawayo (first day of five): Pakistan are 163 runs behind Zimbabwe with nine first-innings wickets in hand
ZIMBABWE: First Innings

M H Dekker c Shakeel b Nazir	0
G W Flower b Wasim	6
A D R Campbell c Ijaz b Manzoor	60
D L Houghton b Wasim	11
*†A Flower c Ijaz b Kabir	14
G J Whittall c Sohail b Manzoor	7
S Carlisle c Kabir b Wasim	1
P A Strang b Nazir	32
H H Streak st Latif b Sohail	13
D H Brain c Latif b Sohail	5
B Strang not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 15)	25
Total	174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-7, 3-23, 4-56, 5-73, 6-86, 7-134, 8-167, 9-174.
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 22-9-40-3, Amir Nazir 18-4-38-2; Kabir Khan 16-2-45-1; Manzoor Elahi 21-8-38-2; Aamir Sohail 2.1-1-5-2.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Aamir Sohail not out	5
Shakeel Ahmed lbw b Streak	5
†Rashid Latif not out	
Extras	0
Total (1 wkt)	71

Inzamam-ul-Haq, *Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Basit Ali, Wasim Akram, Manzoor Elahi, Kabir Khan and Amir Nazir to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9.
BOWLING: Streak 2-0-9-1; Brain 2-1-2-0.
RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgetown: Trinidad and Tobago 297 and 289-9 dec (P V Simmons 92, K Mason 64; V Drakes 6-75). Barbados 220 and 237 (C Browne 70 not out; Simmons 4-52). Trinidad and Tobago won by 129 runs. Blairmont, Berbice: Guyana 125 and 349; Jamaica 193 and 207 (R Samuels 67, R Harper 4-39). Guyana won by 74 runs. Roseau, Dominica: Windward Islands 268 and 151; Leeward Islands 457 (R B Richardson 122, D Joseph 102; C Cuffy 7-80). Leeward Islands won by innings and 43 runs

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: Hamilton 1 Rangers 3, Falkirk 0 Motherwell 2; Meadowbank 1 Berwick 1
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 0 Wolverhampton 0. Second division: Birmingham 1 Grimsby 1; Leicester 2 Mansfield 0, Preston 1 Barnsley 1
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton 1 Arsenal 3; Tottenham 0 Crystal Palace 0; Bristol Rovers 5 Chelsea 2. Postponed: Portsmouth v Southampton. League Cup: Exeter 1 Bournemouth 0.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Norway 7 Estonia 0 (in Larnaca).
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Stoke City 1 Wimbledon 2.
FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round: Newbury 1 Rothwell 2. First round replay: Bath 1 Sutton United 0 (aet). Second replays: Witton 1 Gusseley 2, Colwyn Bay 2 Blyth Spartans 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Ruislip Manor 2 Aldershot Town 0.
MANCHESTER PREMIER CUP: Second round: Hyde United 1 Glossop North End 0.
LIVERPOOL CUP: Marine 6 Everton 0.

GOLF

PHOENIX: Arizona Ping World Pro-Am: First-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 69: C Gilzcon (US). 70: R Brown, 73: D Scott, R Weir, H Gardner (US) 74: R Newsome. Other score: 83: B Wales.

HOCKEY

DELHI: Indira Gandhi Gold Cup: Group B: South Africa 2 Poland 2; South Korea 3 Australia 1.

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kazakhstan	2	2	—	—	4	2	4
India	2	1	1	—	3	2	3
England	2	—	1	1	1	2	1
Malaysia	2	—	—	2	3	5	0

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	2	2	—	—	7	4	4
Australia	2	1	—	1	6	3	2
South Africa	2	—	1	1	5	6	1
Poland	2	—	1	1	2	7	1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Quebec 3 Hartford 1; Chicago 9 Vancouver 4; Buffalo 2 Tampa Bay 1; New Jersey 3 Pittsburgh 3; Anaheim 3 Los Angeles 2.

RACKETS

PHILADELPHIA: World championship: Singles finals: W Boone (GB) bt R Owen-Brown (GB) 17-14, 17-15, 18-10. Doubles: Owen-Brown and K Nemec (Can) bt Boone and E Ullmann (US) 15-7, 9-16, 15-8, 15-3.
PHILADELPHIA: US amateur championship: Semi-finals: W Boone bt D Jenkins 15-0, 15-2, 15-1; R Owen-Browne bt K Nemec 15-4, 15-4, 18-16. Finals: Boone bt Owen-Browne 17-14, 18-15, 15-10.

REAL TENNIS

HAMPTON COURT: Oracle British mixed doubles championship (GB unless stated): Semi-finals: C Southwell and J Prenn bt L Ronaldson and M Walton 6-3, 6-4, F Deucher (Aus) and J Wilson bt C Miszewska and B Clive 6-4, 6-5. Final: Southwell and Prenn bt Deuchar and Wilson 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
QUEEN'S CLUB: Henry Leaf Public Schools old boys doubles championship: Final: Charterhouse (N Pendrigh and J Aclyson-Gray) bt Halleybury (W Hollington and R Gunn) 6-3, 6-4.

SWIMMING

ST VINCENT: World Cup short-course meeting: Men: Freestyle: 100m: 1, A Popov (Russ) 49.60sec; 2, D Loader (NZ) 49.86, 3, R Chegolev (Russ) 50.63. 400m: 1, A Kasvo (Fin) 3.45.65; 2, S Zesner (Ger) 3:50.31; 3, P M Sciliano (It) 3.51.19. Backstroke: 100m: 1, V Selkov (Russ) 54.84, 2, E Merisi (It) 55.18; 3, C Renaud (Can) 55.24. Breaststroke: 50m: 1, M Warnecke (Ger) 27.58, 2, V Alexeev (Isr) 28.75; 3, D Jarzyna (Pol) 29.13. 200m: 1, A Ivanov (Russ) 2.11.71, 2, D Jarzyna (Pol) 2.14.07; 3, M Krawczyk (Pol) 2.15.11. Butterfly: 50m: 1, Dan Kader (Isr) 24.98; 2, M Klim (Aus) 25.02; 3, D Lindstrom (Swe) 25.06. 200m: 1, S Goodman (Aus) 1.58.86; 2, K Gellus (Pol) 1.59.07, 3, Klim 2.01.16. Individual medley: 100m: 1, R Seibt (Ger) 58.61, 2, M Mallinski (Pol) 58.79; 3, C Mylan (Can) 59.78. 400m: 1, M Madinski (Pol) 4.13.72, 2, L Sacchi (It) 4.16.10; 3, C Mylan (Can) 4.16.94.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: Asia-Oceania Zone: Group One: New Zealand 5 Taiwan 0; South Korea 5 Indonesia 0; Philippines 3 Japan 2; India 4 Hong Kong 1. Group Two: China 3 Pakistan 2; Thailand 4 Malaysia 1; Uzbekistan 5 Qatar 0; Sri Lanka 3 Iran 2.
America Zone: Group One: Venezuela 5 Uruguay 0; Argentina 3 Chile 2; Brazil 5 Bahamas 0; Mexico 3 Peru 1. Group Two: Guatemala 4 Bolivia 1; Ecuador 3 Cuba 2; Canada 3 Haiti 2; Colombia 3 Paraguay 2.
DUBAI: Men's Tournament: First round: H Arazi (Mor) bt K Novacek (Cz Rep) 7-6, 6-7, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt K Brasoch (Ger) 6-7, 7-5, ret; A Costa (Sp) bt V Spadea (US) 6-2, 6-3, C Amens (Ger) bt J Bates (GB) 6-3, 6-4
MARSEILLES: Men's Tournament: First round: P Wekesa (Ken) bt K Alami (Mor) 7-6, 6-3; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt C Caratti (It) 6-1, 6-2; M Stadling (Swe) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, A Mronz (Ger) bt P Gauthier (Fr) 6-3 1-6 6-3.
SAN JOSE: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: M Washington bt B Gilbert 7-6, 6-4; P McEnroe bt C van Rensburg (SA) 7-6, 6-4; J Stark bt J Salzenstein 6-1, 6-1, M Goellner (Ger) bt C Ruud (Nor) 7-6, 6-2; L Rehmann (Ger) bt R Matuszewski 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; D Nargiso (It) bt S Humphries 6-3, 7-6.
CHICAGO: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: M A Vento (Ven) bt B Reinsadler (Ger) 1-8, 6-3, 6-2; L Raymond (US) bt C Kuhlman (US) 6-3, 6-1, L Courois (Bel) bt K Po (US) 6-4, 6-3; M Werdel-Witmeyer (US) bt Y Basting (Hol) 6-4, 6-4, A Frazier (US) bt T Whitinger Jones (US) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; Z Garrison-Jackson bt A Keller (US) 6-1, 6-0; M Kotcha (Ger) bt K Adams 7-6, 6-2.
SHEFFIELD: LTA women's satellite tournament (GB unless stated): First round: L Giroud (Fr) bt T Calkow 6-2, 7-5; K Hand bt P Tamplen (It) 7-5, 6-2; N Dechy (Fr) bt M Starosta (Pol) 6-0, 6-2; E Kulikovskaya (Russ) bt I Tkatsch (Fr) 6-2, 6-4; A Linkova (Russ) bt M Marfins (Russ) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, S Panhomenko (Russ) bt L Woodroffe 2-6, 3-6, 6-4; J Lubrova (Russ) bt J Pullin 2-6, 7-6, 6-3, F Lishman bt J Osman 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; T Obziler (Isr) bt K Ptaszek (Den) 7-6, 6-0.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA							
Obergurgl	55	130	good	varied	good	sun -1	4/2
(Pistes in excellent shape; blue sky and no queues)							
Schladming	50	110	good	varied	fair	fine 3	5/2
(Warm but all pistes skiing well)							
St Anton	80	390	good	varied	good	fine 4	4/2
(All pistes good; snow softening in warm sunshine)							
FRANCE							
Courchevel	135	265	good	varied	good	fine -4	30/1
(Most pistes excellent; a few runs starting to wear)							
Isola	30	65	good	poor	fair	sun 1	26/1
(Snow still good on all open pistes)							
Tignes	180	245	good	varied	good	fine 5	4/2
(Still good skiing; some south-facing slopes wearing)							
Val d'Isère	145	320	good	varied	good	sun 3	4/2
(Very good piste skiing; avalanche danger off-piste)							
Val Thorens	185	310	good	varied	good	fine 3	4/2
(Snow still good despite warm temperatures)							
ITALY							
Cervinia	80	250	good	varied	good	fine 4	30/1
(Pistes holding up despite hot sunshine; good skiing)							
SWITZERLAND							
Mürren	90	170	good	heavy	good	sun 2	4/2
(Excellent skiing with warm sunshine)							
Verbier	35	145	good	heavy	worn	fine 0	4/2
(Generally good but lower/busy pistes becoming worn)							
Villars	65	220	good	varied	good	fine 8	30/1
(Pistes still well covered but soft after lunch)							
Wengen	25	100	good	varied	good	fine 5	4/2
(All pistes holding up well in hot, sunny weather)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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England A revived by tailend battlers

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A TENSE finish is in prospect in Chandigarh today where England A need a further 31 runs to win the third international against their Indian counterparts and so complete a 3-0 clean sweep in the series.

Richard Johnson and Min Patel have already added 19 for the ninth wicket in taking England A to 146 for eight in pursuit of a victory target of 177.

A dusty, fast-deteriorating pitch — with the surface crumbling particularly badly at one end — made batting a hazardous occupation on the fourth day.

A succession of English batsmen perished trying to attack the Indian spinners, yet that was perhaps a more honourable way to go than dying a slow death by defending in the crease, in the knowledge that the unplayable delivery was likely to come along at any moment.

Paul Weekes and his captain, Alan Wells, both played particularly well, but fell trying to charge the off spinner, Kanwaljit Singh, who, with the slow left-armer Utpal Chatterjee, bowled skilfully for the best part of two sessions.

Wells and Weekes added 43 in positive style for the fourth wicket after England had lost three wickets for 38 either side of lunch. But when Wells tried to hit Singh over mid-off he was deceived by the flight and turn and was bowled.

Dominic Cork again disappointed with the bat, falling leg-before for seven as he tried to pull, but Keith Piper could feel hard done by to be given out caught at the wicket off a brute of a delivery that turned and lifted and appeared to clip him on the shoulder as he pushed forward.

Weekes's brave innings of 38, which included a six and five fours, ended in ugly fashion when he attempted a violent straight hit at Singh's expense and was smartly stumped.

Glen Chapple struck a couple of fours but then edged to slip, leaving Johnson, who defended stoutly but also struck some fierce blows in reaching 18 and Patel (eight not out) to carry England's hopes into the final day when Richard Stemp, the No 11, will be anxiously monitoring their progress in the pavilion.

"We can still do it because our last three can all bat well," Phil Neale, the England A manager, said. "But the pitch is making batting very difficult. Their spinners bowl so few bad balls you have to try to upset their line and length. It will be interesting to see if they take the new ball first thing, because it is now due."

However, win, lose or tie in this match the tour has proved highly successful with several players advancing their claims for promotion into the senior side.

"What should be remembered is that we have lost the toss in each of the internationals," John Barclay, the team manager said. "To have won the series from that position is a very sizeable achievement. India must be disappointed that they have not made more use of a massive advantage in all three games."

The day began with England A needing a further ten overs and two balls to remove the last two Indian batsmen after the home side had resumed at 136 for eight.

Patel and Chapple took a wicket apiece, with Chapple finishing with five for 38 to take his tally for the series to 19, which have cost him only 15.58 runs apiece.

INDIA A: First Innings 229 (R Dravid 59; G Chapple 4-60)

Second Innings

*V S Rathore lbw b Patel	18
G Khoda lbw b Chapple	0
S C Ganguly c Piper b Cork	8
R Dravid lbw b Chapple	47
A A Muzumdar b Chapple	55
R Shamshed c Piper b Chapple	4
†A Vaidya c Piper b Chapple	0
U Chatterjee run out	6
P L K Mhambrey b Patel	4
K Singh c Stemp b Patel	2
A Padmanabhan not out	6
Extras (b 3, lb 1, w 1, nb 1)	6
Total	156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1 2-23 3-33 4-114 5-120 6-120 7-126 8-132 9-138.

BOWLING: Cork 10-4-26-1; Chapple 19.2-3-38-5; Patel 31-12-43-3; Johnson 8-0-22-0; Stemp 8-1-23-0

England A: First Innings. 209 (P L K Mhambrey 4-68)

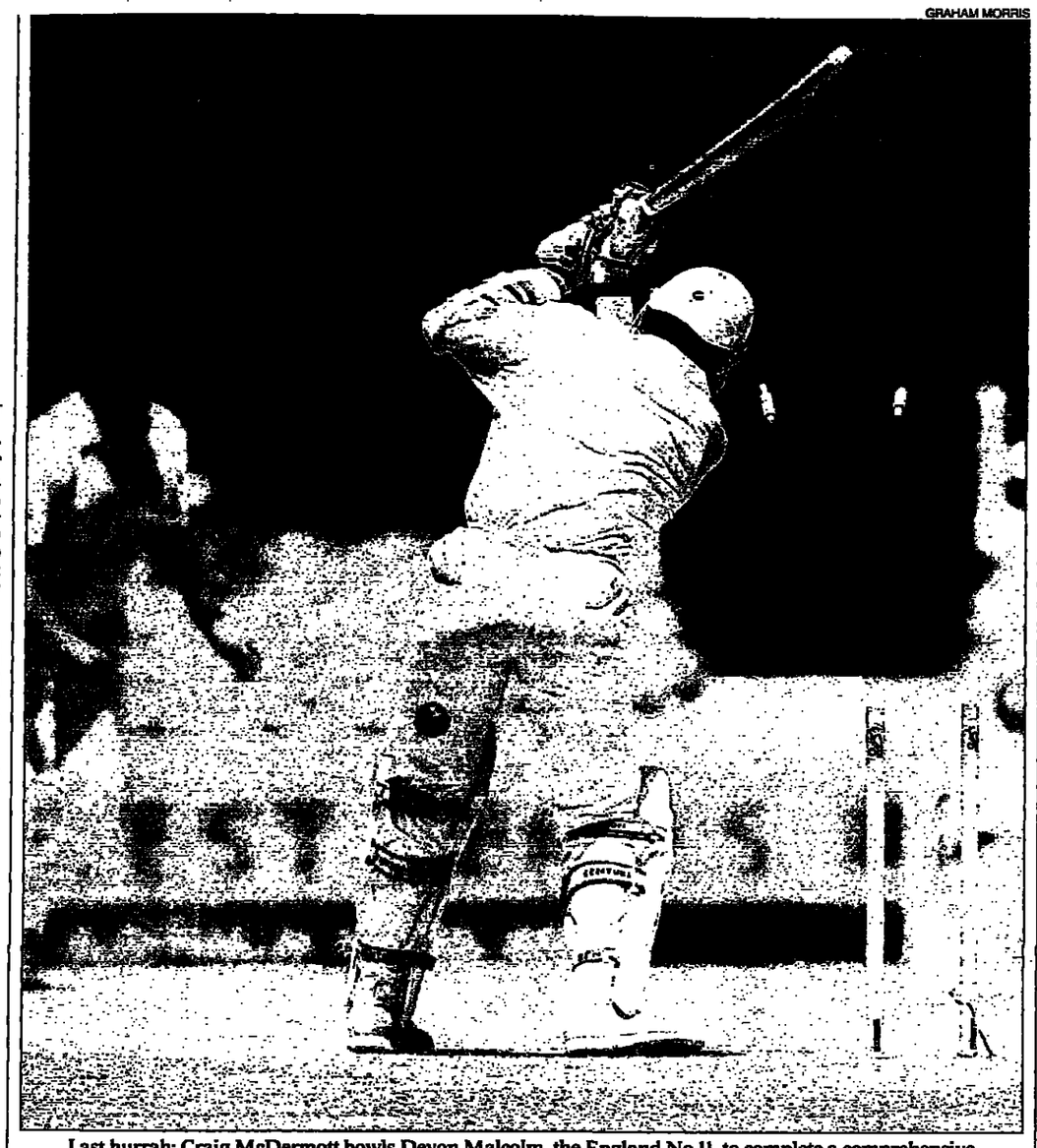
Second Innings

J E R Gallian c Ganguly b Chatterjee	9
N V Knight c Shamshed b Singh	21
D L Hemp c Dravid b Singh	5
*A P Wells b Singh	23
P N Weekes st Vaidya b Singh	38
D G Cork lbw b Chatterjee	7
†K J Piper c Vaidya b Chatterjee	1
G Chapple c Shamshed b Mhambrey	12
R L Johnson not out	18
M M Patel not out	8
Extras (lb 3, nb 1)	4
Total (8 wkts)	148

R D Stemp to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-37, 3-38, 4-81, 5-92, 6-108, 7-108, 8-127.

BOWLING: Mhambrey 13-4-22-1; Ganguly 5-2-9-0; Chatterjee 28-11-57-3, Singh 26-13-42-4, Padmanabhan 4-0-13-0



GRAHAM MORRIS

Last hurrah: Craig McDermott bowls Devon Malcolm, the England No 11, to complete a comprehensive victory for Australia in the fifth and final Test match in Perth yesterday. Report and scoreboard, page 48

TEST AVERAGES

England

Batting

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
G P Thorpe	5	10	1	444	123	49.33	1	3	5
G A Hick	3	6	1	208	98*	41.60	—	2	9
M A Atherton	5	10	0	407	88	40.70	—	4	4
J P Crawley	3	5	0	171	72	34.20	—	2	1
G A Gooch	5	10	0	245	56	24.50	—	1	—
D Gough	3	5	1	98	51	24.50	—	1	4
A J Stewart	2	4	1	73	33	24.33	—	—	2
M W Gatting	5	9	0	182	117	20.22	1	—	3
P A J DeFreitas	4	8	0	141	88	17.62	—	1	2
C C Lewis	2	4	0	68	40	17.00	—	—	3
D E Malcolm	4	7	3	50	29	12.50	—	—	1
A R C Fraser	3	5	0	53	27	10.60	—	—	—
S J Rhodes	5	9	1	72	39*	9.00	—	—	20/1
P C R Tufnell	4	7	3	6	4*	1.50	—	—	2

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: M R Ramprakash. 72, 42 (2ct); M J McCague. 1, 0

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
D Gough	152.5	33	425	20	21.25	6-49	1	—
C C Lewis	78.5	13	249	11	22.63	4-24	—	—
A R C Fraser	129.5	25	388	14	27.78	5-73	1	—
P A J DeFreitas	184	39	558	13	42.92	3-91	—	—
P C R Tufnell	207.4	45	442	10	44.20	4-79	—	—
D E Malcolm	181.1	32	588	13	45.23	4-39	—	—
M J McCague	19.2	4	96	2	48.00	2-96	—	—
G A Gooch	25	6	74	1	74.00	1-20	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: G A Hick 16-3-58-0. M R Ramprakash: 19-1-74-0.

Australia

Batting

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
G S Blewett	2	4	1	249	115	83.00	2	—	3
M J Slater	5	10	0	623	176	62.30	3	1	—
S R Waugh	5	10	3	345	99*	49.28	—	3	3
M A Taylor	5	10	0	471	113	47.10	1	4	7
M E Waugh	5	10	0	435	140	43.50	1	2	8
I A Healy	5	10	3	249	74	35.57	—	2	23/2
D C Boon	5	10	0	246	131	24.60	1	—	2
T B A May	3	5	3	31	10*	15.50	—	—	—
M G Bevan	3	6	0	81	35	13.50	—	—	—
D W Fleming	3	4	0	40	24	10.00	—	—	2
C J McDermott	5	8	2	42	21*	7.00	—	—	3
S K Warne	5	10	1	60	38*	6.66	—	—	5
G D McGrath	2	2	0	0	0	0.00	—	—	—

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: J Angel 11, 0; P E McIntyre. 0, 0

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
M E Waugh	53	11	157	8	19.62	5-40	1	—
S K Warne	256.1	84	549	27	20.33	8-71	2	1
C J McDermott	232.5	56	675	32	21.09	6-38	4	—
D W Fleming	102.2	30	274	10	27.40	3-52	—	—
J Angel	25.3	7	85	3	28.33	3-85	—	—
G D McGrath	67	16	229	6	38.16	3-40	—	—
P E McIntyre	27	3	87	2	43.50	2-51	—	—
T B A May	101	30	219	1	219.00	1-34	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: M G Bevan. 7-1-19-0; G S Blewett. 24-5-91-0.

* denotes not out

Source TCCB/PA Cricket Record

Trent Bridge profits mean improvements

FURTHER developments at Trent Bridge are expected to follow yesterday's announcement by Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club of a record profit of £134,000 for the past financial year. The club has managed to reduce its overdraft to £617,000.

☐ Natal won the Castle Cup, South Africa's domestic first-class championship, with one round of matches still to play when their closest rivals, Northern Transvaal, lost to Western Province on Monday. Natal, who last took the title in 1981 and have been helped by the presence of Malcolm Marshall, the former West Indies fast bowler, won six of their first seven matches.

Pakistan attempt to restore pride in second Test

PAKISTAN had a point to prove as they entered the second Test with Zimbabwe yesterday, with the memory of their humiliating innings defeat by their hosts a week ago still fresh, and, to a point at least, they proved it. The Pakistanis dominated the first day's play in Bulawayo, dismissing Zimbabwe for 174 with an irresistible display of swing bowling, and look well capable of levelling the series at 1-1.

The Flower brothers, Grant and Andy, who made 201 not out and 156, respectively, in the first Test, were dismissed for a total of 20 between them, while last week's third centurion, Guy Whittall, was out for seven.

Only a gritty 60 by Alistair Campbell in 234 minutes from 163 balls enabled Zimbabwe to recover after being reduced to 23 for three and then 86 for six. He received valuable support from Paul Strang, who made 32, and the pair shared a seventh-wicket partnership of 48.

The Zimbabwe captain, Andy Flower, was soon ruing his decision to bat on a greenish-looking pitch as Mark Dekker fell for a duck and Grant Flower became Wasim Akram's 250th Test victim when he was bowled for six. Akram went on to remove the former captain, Dave Houghton, for 11 and Stuart Carlisle for one before finishing with figures of three for 40 in 22 overs.

Amir Nazir and Manzoor Elahi each took two wickets and Kabir Khan accounted for Whittall. The left-arm spinner, Aamir Sohail, wrapped up the tail with two wickets for five runs in the space of 13 deliveries.

It was a far cry from the first Test in Harare, which Zimbabwe won by an innings and 64 runs with a day to spare. There, they had declared on 544 for four, setting up their first Test victory since being accorded Test status in 1992, after six draws and four defeats. Such heroics were in markedly short supply in Bulawayo.

However, there was encouragement for Zimbabwe at the end of the day when Pakistan lost Shakeel Ahmed leg-before to Heath Streak for five. Indeed, Pakistan were fortunate not to lose a second wicket in the four overs they faced. Whittall dropped a simple chance at mid-off when Aamir Sohail drove flat-footed at the last ball of the day, bowled by David Brain.

Benjamin smashes fiery 85 to retrieve spectacle

WINSTON BENJAMIN and Curtly Ambrose, the West Indies fast bowlers, enjoyed an entertaining afternoon at the expense of their New Zealand counterparts as the first Test match ended in a predictable draw at Christchurch yesterday after two days were lost to rain and bad light.

The fifth day started with West Indies on 102 for five, needing 40 to avoid the follow-on. Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who scored his fifth Test half-century in nine innings, and Junior Murray quickly reached that goal.

Murray was superbly caught with the score at 155 by Darrin Murray at mid-wicket off Shane Thomson for 28, signalling the arrival of Benjamin, who smashed 85 runs off 87 balls with some shots out of a baseball manual. He and Chanderpaul put on 77 in 76 balls for the seventh wicket. Then, with Ambrose, Benjamin put on 67 in 65 balls for the eighth wicket.

Danny Morrison finally

Scoreboards, page 44

bowled Ambrose for 33, which included six fours, and Benjamin lost his off-stump to Simon Doull after hitting him back over his head for six off the previous ball. Morrison finished with six for 69 when he had Kenneth Benjamin caught behind, West Indies having reached 312 in reply to New Zealand's 341 for eight declared.

New Zealand then lost both openers, Murray, and Bryan Young, to consecutive balls, both to controversial caught-behind umpiring decisions. However, Ken Rutherford, the captain, and Andrew Jones safely negotiated their way to the close, against mostly gentle bowling, with the score on 61.

While honours for the match were even, New Zealand came out with most gains. They went into the game with a string of defeats behind them and had been demoralised by a marijuana-smoking scandal which had seen three players — Stephen Fleming, Dion Nash and Matthew Hart — suspended for the West Indies one-day series.

However, a determined batting display on a green wicket, including 56 from Fleming and 100 not out by the man-of-the-match, Adam Parore, gave them a much-needed lift.

Conner ahead after racing is curtailed

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

DENNIS CONNER finished top of the America's Cup defence trials when the second round series, for the Citizen Cup, was cut short yesterday after fog and light winds during the past week forced three days of racing to be lost.

Conner's yacht, *Stars & Stripes*, beat Lesley Egnot and her *America³* all-women crew by 28sec to end the second round two points clear of Kevin Mahaney's *Young America*. *America³* was third, four further points adrift.

The most impressive performance in San Diego, however, was that of the *Team New Zealand* crew, skippered by Russell Coutts. They beat Chris Dickson's rival New Zealand challenger, *TAG Heuer Challenge*, on Monday to remain unbeaten on the water in the Louis Vuitton Cup challenge trials. Their one defeat came in the protest room after John Bertrand's *oneAustalia* called foul on *Team New Zealand's* practice of having a man at the top of the mast looking for favourable conditions.

Racing on the challenge course was extended yesterday to take in the races that were lost earlier in the series, which will, in turn, cut into the development time of all the syndicates. As an example, Pedro Campos, the skipper of the hapless Spanish entry, *Rioja de Espana*, which has yet to score a win in the Louis Vuitton Cup, said that his team has neither the time nor money to modify its boat.

RESULTS: Louis Vuitton Cup: Second round: oneAustralia (J Bertrand) bt Sydney 95 (M Coxon) by 10sec, France 3 (M Paul) bt Rioja de Espana (P Campos) by 22; Team New Zealand (R Coutts) bt TAG Heuer Challenge (C Dickson) by 54. Overall 1, Team New Zealand 14pts; 2, oneAustralia 13; 3, TAG Heuer Challenge 11; 4, Nippon 94 (M Nemba, Japan) 8; 5, France 3 7; 5, Sydney 94 4; 7, Rioja de Espana 0. Citizen Cup defence trials: Stars & Stripes (D Conner) bt America³ (L Egnot) by 28. Overall positions: 1, Stars & Stripes 9pts; 2, Young America 7; 3, America³ 3

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 48

APOGAMY

(a) Absence of sexual reproduction, asexual reproduction, agamogenesis, specifically in ferns and other cryptogams, production of the perfect plant directly from a bud on the prothallus instead of the usual sexual process, from the Greek *apo* privative, away from + *gamos* marriage. "The author could not detect any act of impregnation [in a parasite on the olive], and believes that reproduction is apogamic."

BILIAN

(b) The ironwood of Borneo, also *balean, billian, bulean*, from the Malay word. "The Chinese export considerable quantities of timber from Sambas and Pontiana, particularly of the kind called Balean by the natives."

DOLMUS

(a) A shared form of public transport (in Turkey) especially a taxi, from the Turkish *dolmuş* "filled", a vehicle or boat that departs only when all the seats are taken. "They embarked in a dolmush, a rowing-boat, with two other people waiting."

GALAX

(b) An evergreen plant of the genus so called of the family Diapensiaceae, native to the southeastern United States, and ·· ·ving white flowers and shiny leaves, adapted from the Greek *galaxias* a galaxy.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, . . . Bg5! diverts the White queen from the defence of b2, and after 2, Qxg5 Qxb2 is mate. Note that 2. f4 Bxf4! does not help the White cause.

Leopards look to Deveaux for bite

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE surprising departure last week of one of the Budweiser basketball league's most popular players, the shaven-haired seven-footer, Henri Abrams, means that all eyes in the London Arena tonight will be on his replacement in the Leopards' line-up. DeCarlo Deveaux, a 6ft 5in Bahamian, could hardly have chosen a bigger match for his debut than the first leg of the National Cup semi-final against Thames Valley Tigers.

The almost indecent haste with which Abrams was cut by the Leopards, having become something of a cult figure, will put added pressure on Deveaux to come up with the points to satisfy his new coach, Billy Mimms. "It's very nice having a seven-footer in your team," Mimms said. "But basically we thought we needed someone who could give us more points. Henri did a tremendous job rebounding and blocking shots, but he was lousy when it came to scoring points against the big teams."

Mimms knows all about Deveaux from their days on opposite sides in the Sunshine State Conference. Last season, Mimms saw his Barry University squad hit for 39 points in one game by Deveaux, who then produced a three-pointer on the buzzer to win the return fixture for the University of Tampa. "He's been a thorn in my side for too long now, so it will be good to have him helping me instead," the coach said.

Deveaux is thought to be too small to be taking over Abrams' position so Carl Miller will be the new centre, although it will be asking a lot of him to subdue Tony Holley and Neville Austin, with their height advantage.

Fortune favours brave Higgins

BY PHIL YATES

A CANDIDATE for the fluke of the season and a century break could not prevent Darren Morgan, the world No 8, losing 5-2 to John Higgins in the second round of the Benson and Hedges Masters snooker tournament at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

Higgins, competing on the strength of a sponsors' wild card invitation, followed an impressive 5-3 victory over Tony Drago in the first round on Sunday with another efficient performance that suggested that collecting the £120,000 first prize is not beyond his capabilities.

With Morgan missing some vital shots, notably a simple black in the second frame and an equally straightforward pink in the fourth, Higgins, who compiled breaks of 46, 45 and 111, established a 4-0 lead at the mid-session interval. The fifth frame, a disjointed affair in which both players made mistakes, was bizarrely resolved when Morgan fluked the final black off three cushions to a middle pocket after his intended pot to a baulk pocket had been at least a foot off target.

When Morgan subsequently put together a 104 clearance in the sixth frame to trail only 4-2, it seemed the outrageous fluke could prove to be a turning point, but one of Higgins's greatest assets is an ability to remain unruffled in such situations and he went on to win a low-scoring seventh frame to set up a quarter-final against his compatriot, Alan McManus, the title-holder. At worst, Higgins, 19, is now guaranteed £20,000 in prize-money, which carries his tournament earnings this season over the £100,000 mark.

Steve Davis, so solid in beating Higgins 9-3 to capture the Regal Welsh Open title ten days ago, committed a string of unforced errors during his surprise 5-3 second round defeat by Terry Griffiths late on Monday night. Davis missed an elementary yellow off its spot when clearing up in the first frame and a simple blue in the fourth to squander what was a clear-cut opportunity for him to lead 3-1. Those mistakes came back to haunt the six-times world champion as Griffiths took control in the second half.

Griffiths, at 47 the most senior player involved in the tournament, compiled breaks of 99 and 125 to move 4-2 ahead and Davis, despite winning a dour 47-minute seventh frame, never looked likely to



Higgins: resilient

avoid his third successive defeat against the Welshman in six weeks.

Davis, beaten by Griffiths in the last 16 of the European Open in mid-December and in the quarter-finals of last month's Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge, has now failed to negotiate his opening match on six of his 15 appearances at the Masters.

Griffiths, the world No 14, who had won only five of his 36 matches against Davies prior to December, now awaits the winner of today's second round match between John Parrott and Ronnie O'Sullivan.

RESULT. Second round: J Higgins (Scot) bt D Morgan (Wales), 5-2.

Immediate selection dilemma for new coach

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

GEORGE PETERNOUSEK, a Czech-born Dutchman, has been appointed as coach to the Great Britain ice hockey team, which is due to compete in pool B of the world championship in Slovakia in April.

Peternousek coached Durham Wasps briefly four years ago, but has had no connection with the British game since. He will take up his appointment on March 1.

That is only five weeks before the championship, but he will have help in selecting his squad from Mike Blaisdell and Jim Lynch, who, respectively, coach Nottingham Panthers and Fife Flyers.

The British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA) had hoped to persuade Peter Woods to accept the post of national coach, but although he applied for the job when it was first advertised, two years ago, the BIHA vacillated over his appointment and he has since taken up a coaching position in Sweden.

The selection and preparation of the Great Britain team is going to be far from easy this year because the British championship weekend at Wembley takes place during the world championship. It will therefore be impossible to finalise the squad until the play-offs are over, as players whose teams reach Wembley will be unavailable.

What it means is that many leading players will not be in Bratislava and it is possible that Britain, having been relegated from pool A last year, could find themselves in pool C in 1995. This would be unfortunate because, since the break up of the Soviet Union and the emergence of such countries as Latvia and Kazakhstan, pool C has become the hardest from which to escape.

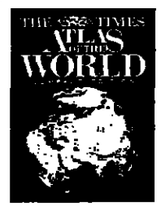
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John Goodbody meets the couple who hold each other in high esteem



Birch and Sweatman, who won European titles within five minutes of each other last May, share a common sporting purpose. Photographs: Howard Barlow

Champions thrown together by sport

Loving tenderness exists uneasily in the raw, unrelenting world of the judo fighter. Boxers have always been encouraged to leave their homes before important bouts so they are not distracted. Similarly, a judo fighter needs to focus, during training and competition, on the ascetic and aggressive demands of a sport infused with the spirit of the medieval samurai.

Isao Inokuma, one of Japan's most famous heavyweights, was once asked why he had never married. The 1964 Olympic champion thought for a moment, before replying: "To marry, you have to be kind." Step forward and bow, Rowena Sweatman and Ryan Birch. The pair, who live together in Manchester, became engaged at Christmas. They are both European champions, winning their titles within five minutes of each other in Gdansk last year.

This weekend they begin their build-up to their attempts to retain their titles in Birmingham in May, when they compete in the Tournoi de Paris, which in depth of talent usually exceeds even the European championships.

The odds against the pair winning European titles in 1994 were probably about 1000-1. Neither had won a medal in the annual event but their companionship and mutual support, welded to their innate ability, succeeded in denting one of judo's cherished beliefs.

Sweatman, who will be 27 on Friday, said: "I was, of course, aware that when I started going out with Ryan in 1991, everyone started saying: 'That's the end of Ryan in judo.' When he did not come back from championships with a medal, people started saying that it was my fault. It was half-joking but also half-serious. However, since last May, I don't get remarks like that any more."

> 'If he did not win, people said it was my fault'

Neither does Birch. The pair, who met while competing for Great Britain at the United States open championships in 1991, are the latest competitors off the conveyor-belt of success that British judo has produced in the last 23 years. Since the 1972 Olympic Games, the judo team has achieved a consistency that no other British squad can match, pro rata to its number of entries. Sweatman, a middleweight, has had to struggle to get picked for the Britain team because there have been a cluster of gifted competitors around her weight category.



Sweatman, left, and Birch at home in Manchester

However, she has benefited from being part of this tradition of victory, which has impregnated recent national squads. "When you are training with people who have won titles," she said, "you think to yourself, 'Why can't I win a medal?' After all, I am doing the same training."

She has known Nicola Fairbrother, the world lightweight champion, since she started judo as a child in Bracknell. She followed her brother, Winston, who studied mathematics at Oxford University and represented Scotland at judo in the Commonwealth Games, both academically and in sport. She read electronics and electrical engineering at Manchester University and started a PhD, but had to stop her studies because of the pressures of international judo.

The pair run and lift weights every morning, guided by Steve Pullen, the north-west area coach. They teach judo in schools most afternoons and then practise in the evenings. They seldom train together but the presence of the other provides inspiration.

> 'Her win definitely helped me in my final'

Sweatman frequently starts her run before her fiancé and tries to arrive home before he does. "But, if I do, then he says I have cheated." Birch can run a mile in just over five minutes, a handy time for a judo fighter.

A light-middleweight of 78kg, with long arms and a rangy style, Birch, 25, is formidable physically. He spent a couple of years as an instructor at an outdoor pursuits school in Kendal, leading hikes over the fells and canoeing on lakes.

When he settled in Manchester with Sweatman, he was sufficiently motivated by the presence of a graduate to pass GCSE mathematics. "She helped me with the difficult bits, although sometimes she confused me even more." Gdansk, when Sweatman's last bouts immediately preceded his own, was even more difficult for him. He was trying to warm-up while wanting to watch her contests.

"Her victory definitely helped me in my final because otherwise I would have felt so disappointed for her. But it was difficult because I had to concentrate on my bout."

In September come the world championships in Japan, and the pair are looking for a sponsor to enable them to train in Tokyo, the mecca of the sport, beforehand. What price a pair of medals there?

Garner calls for curb on transfers

By Colin McQuillan

TIM GARNER, player-manager of Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield, who are fighting for a place in the play-offs for the Super Squash League championship, yesterday questioned rules that allowed their rivals, Welsh Back Wizards, of Bristol, to transfer a Manchester player into their line-up eight hours before a fixture.

"The Wizards found themselves weakened on the day of the match by injuries to Jason Nicolle so they signed Martin Heath, the Scottish No 2, from Walker Farrimond Manchester." Garner said after a narrow 2-1 victory over Rackets Club. Lingfield still have a chance of reaching the play-offs in April but sacrificed a much-needed point through the unexpected 9-6, 9-5, 9-5 defeat of Rodney Eyles, the world No 3 from Australia, by Paul Johnson.

"In previous years under SRA [Squash Rackets Association] control, mid-season transfers were not allowed," Garner said. "Now the Super League is running independently we have transfers with no controls. There is nothing to stop Heath transferring back to Manchester, or any other team if circumstances required it next week."

Heath began the season on the books of ICL Lion Herts and transferred to Manchester when it became clear he could not expect regular selection in a line-up strong enough this week to defeat the Wizards 3-0 with him as third string.

Without Heath, the Manchester side allowed an easy 3-0 home win to Ogmore Valley Dragons that moved them up into third place.

Heath ventured a practical reason for his latest switch. "Walker Farrimond Manchester are in financial trouble and cannot afford to pay players for the rest of the season. I could not refuse a move that offered a match fee."

His move followed that last week of Derek Ryan from Manchester to Jim Hall Sports Northern, who went down 3-0 at home to Cannons Club, the league leaders, with Ryan again at second string this week.

"The rules have to be looked at before next season or we will have players just moving around the league to the highest bidders," Garner said.

RESULTS: Super Squash League: Jim Hall Sports Northern 0 Cannons 3 (A Hill lost to P Marshall 0-9, 4-9, 0-9; D Ryan lost to S Parke 7-9, 1-9, 9-5, 9-10; G Davies lost to T Hends 6-9, 5-9, 5-3, 2-9). Ogmore Valley Dragons 3 Walker Farrimond Manchester 0 (M Cairns bt N Taylor 9-4, 9-0, 9-5; C Van der Wath bt M Blowers 9-4, 9-2, 9-3; D Evans bt L Beadnall 10-8, 5-9, 3-9, 10-8, 10-8); ICL Lion Herts 3 Welsh Back Wizards 0 (C Walker bt D Harris 9-1, 0-9, 9-6, 9-3; R Norman bt A Davies 8-10, 9-2, 9-0, 10-9; J Wellings bt M Heath 9-5, 9-4, 9-6). Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 2 Rackets Club 1 (R Eyles lost to P Johnson 6-9, 5-9, 5-9; S Meade bt D Webb 9-3, 9-5, 10-8; A Kirkland bt N Coss 9-7, 9-2, 7-9, 10-8). Leagues positions: 1, Cannons 29 pts, 2, Lion Herts 26, 3, Ogmore Valley 18, 4 Welsh Wizards 17, 5, Lingfield 13; 6, Manchester 11, 7, Rackets Club 10; 8, Northern 7.

Rugby keeps English hopes alive

MIDWEEK VIEW

SIMON BARNES

England is either a country fit for heroes to live in, or an old bitch gone in the teeth, a botched civilisation. Or perhaps a brave new world. It all depends which chunk of the sports pages you prefer.

Those who take sport as an index of national machismo have some impossible contradictions to absorb. This is either a nation of world-beaters, as a Frenchman remarked at the weekend, or a nation that has lost its way utterly. Take your choice.

Cricket has always been seen as the game closest to the nation's soul, the game most revealing of the national psyche. Perhaps this is because it has always, in some measure, straddled the class system. Or perhaps it is because, over the five days of a Test match, over the three months of a tour, the minds of the players, at first obscured by optimism, in due course become uncompromisingly clear.

Thus the feuding of the England captain and his chairman of selectors via newspaper pages has added a fine sense of disharmony almost from the start of the tour. And it has ended in the humiliation, not of being outplayed but of giving up.

In the past year, English cricket has maintained its remorseless affinity for disaster. But the period has, bewilderingly, been lit up by three victories that make a mockery of any generalisation or, for that matter, anything that cricket or rugby could offer. As recently as 1990, England reached the World Cup semi-finals. But no sense of inevitability attended this. It has been a long time since we have sat down to watch England *expecting* a win. I have no recollection of ever feeling that about the cricket team.

But the Alf Ramsey era produced a football team like that: a team with a stunning, utterly professional air of corporate competence, cautiously lit with flashes of individual brilliance. The sum was greater than the parts: it was, to English audience and foreign opposition alike, nothing less than awesome. For once the Americanism is appropriate.

No subsequent manager has come close to awesomeness. Bobby Robson's progress of 1990 was accompanied by a sense of delighted disbelief, something the players somehow shared. The débâcle of the penalty shoot-out in the semis was ultimately a test of self-belief. The England players knew, in their hearts, that they were not awesome at all.

Self-belief was never an option when Graham Taylor was in charge. Now Terry Venables has the long phoney war to think about awesomeness. He has been more than a year in charge and is still more than a year away from his first competitive match.

He has built an England side that is edging towards competence, but it is not from team-talks and friendlies that players learn. It is from battle. You don't learn to hold your drink by knocking back lemonade.

Which brings us to the third national team. Rugby union, it is true, is miles behind the other two games in terms of its emotional hold on the nation.

Only 2.3 million viewers watched the England-South Africa game on television last summer when 13 million watched the football World Cup final, despite the lack of home interest. But in this comparatively obscure corner of sporting achievement, we have a sudden surge of awesomeness, warmly praised by Pierre Berbizier, the French coach, after his team's trouncing on Saturday. Corporate competence and individual brilliance, the sum greater than the parts: the team was positively Ramsey-esque.

Under Taylor, football was reduced to muddle-headedness; cricket has been in that state for years. With English football in limbo and cricket deep in its self-created inferno, we turn to rugby not only for success, but for awesomeness.

It never used to be that way. French flair and Welsh power: such matters have dominated the past 30 years of five nations' conflict. English rugby was a matter of flailing incompetence, dithering selection, bewildering triumphs against the odds, new dawns followed by the sudden resumption of Stygian dark.

This has been the pattern followed by the cricket and football teams of late. Muddle and mind-changing, the selectorial and tactical minds spinning like weathercocks: these are clear symptoms of raging amateurishness. Awesomeness is a quality of the professionals. At the moment, in terms of our national team games, we only find it in rugby union. I wonder where we go from here.

RADIO CHOICE

Lives divided by four

Act Your Age. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Producer Lindsay Leonard has both extended and contracted the Bard's seven ages of man. She has settled for four ages — 18, 30, 50 and 65-plus — and brings women into the picture. To judge by the opening programme in which a wide spectrum of people recall what it was like to be 18, her series is going to prove good entertainment as well as valuable sociology. There is the woman for whom paradise was a £2,000 semi-detached house with detached garage; the women who knew nothing about sex although her horse gave birth to a foal; the former London School of Economics student who saw Lenin displaced by Danny La Rue as the school's key political icon; and the man who went from "oikdom" to poetry or, more specifically, from football and disco to Camus and Sartre.

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

The genesis of Richard Strauss's *Alpine Symphony*, one of tonight's works, is worth retelling. Strauss's royalties from the opera *Salome* enabled him to buy a luxurious villa in the Bavarian Alps. But his alpine love affair started much earlier. Family holidays spent in the mountains inspired the 14-year-old Strauss to write a song for soprano, French horn and piano. That same year, he wrote a fantasia for piano describing "a dangerous mountain journey" he once made. The fantasia vanished without trace, but elements of his climb survive in the *Alpine Symphony*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa L'Anson, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier: including The Amazing Spiderman, and at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Bits from Last Week's Radio 10.00 Mark Radcliffe Midnight Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2: with Yorkshire's Dave Burland 8.00 Worldwide Concerts. Malkit Singh, British bhangra star 8.30 Barbershop Style (3/5) 9.00 Anita Bhalla's Across Two Cultures: in conversation with author Rukhsana Ahmad 9.30 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at 5.45 Wake up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen and Jane Garvey, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine with Diana Madill, including at 10.35 Euronews; 11.15 Natural History 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Liz Barclay with Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, with Sybil Ruscoe 4.00 Invardale in Moscow: John Invardale reporting live from Moscow and Julian Worricker in London 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night: AC Milan v Arsenal 10.05 News Talk, with Jeremy Vine 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours, with Carole Malone 2.05 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 8.00 Morgenmagazin 8.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 *An Old-Fashioned Girl* 7.30 Andy Kershaw 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Early Versions 8.30 Megamix 9.00 News 9.05 Business Report 9.15 Country Style 9.30 What's News? 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 New Ideas 12.35 The Life of Numbers 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 *An Old-Fashioned Girl* 2.45 Good Books 3.00 World News 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Quote, Unquote 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business Report 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 News 7.05 Outlook 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Multitrack. X-Press 12.00 News 12.15am The Greenfield Collection 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 The Farming 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Sport 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Assignment 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert: Sea Choice 10.00 Mark Griffiths 1.00am Tim Lihoreau

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Gary King 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyte 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 **On Air**, with Catriona Young. 7.05 *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 55 No 2; Lindsay Quartet); 7.30 Byrd (Motet: Ne Iscaris Domine); Nielsen (Symphonic Rhapsody); Vaughan Williams (Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus); Spohr (Variations, Op 36); Balakirev (Symphonic Poem: Russia)
9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Strauss (Symphonic Fragment, Die Liebe der Danae: Memorial Waltz: München: Sonatina No 2 in E flat, The Happy Workshop, excerpts: Symphonic Fantasy, Die Frau ohne Schatten)
10.00 **Midweek Choice**, presented by Susan Sharpe. Adam (Overture: Si j'étais roi); Stamitz (Cello Concerto No 1 in G); Webern (Five Canons, Op 16); Dohnányi (Suite for orchestra); Georgy Mushel (Toccata); Hummel (Mass in B flat)
12.00 **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Alun Francis performs Allan Pettersson (Symphonic Movement; Symphony No 2) (r)
1.00pm **Birmingham Lunchtime Concert**: Stephen Coombs and Artur Pizarro, pianos. Schumann (Andante and Variations in B flat, Op 46); Schumann, arr Debussy (Six Studies, Op 56); Debussy (En blanc et noir)
2.00 **Schools**: Together: An Assembly for Schools 2.20 Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Dig It 2.40 Drama Workshop
3.00 **Record Review**: Presented by Anthony Burton. *Building a Library*: Rachmaninov (Symphonic Dances) (r)
4.00 **Choral Evensong**, live from Chelmsford Cathedral. Includes Elgar's Anthem *Great is the Lord*. Master of the Music Dr Graham Elliott; Senior Organ Scholar Neil Weston
5.00 **The Music Machine**: Ornamentation in traditional music played on the pipes and the fiddle
5.15 **In Tune**: Andrew Green plays a selection of music, including Gounod (Spring Song)
6.00 **Rush Hour Concert**: Trio Wanderer in a programme of piano trios by Haydn and Mendelssohn
6.55 **Live from Covent Garden**: Mozart's *Così fan tutte*. Jonathan Miller's new production for the Royal Opera. Sung in Italian. Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House under Evelino Pidó. Act 1; 8.25 James Naughtie talks to Jonathan Miller; 8.45 Act 2
10.15 **The English Cadence**, with Jeremy Summerly
10.30 **The John Field Nocturnes**: No 9 in E flat; No 7 in C; No 8 in E minor (Daniel Adni, piano)
10.45 **Night Waves**: Lisa Jardine reassesses Australian writer Christina Stead
11.30-12.30am **Ensemble**: Beethoven (Sonata in C, Op 53, Waldstein); Chopin (Scherzo in E, Op 54); Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 1)
1.00-1.40 **Night School**: Listen and Read 1.20 Verseplay

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Midweek**. With *Times* columnist Libby Purves and birthday guest Peter Jay
10.00-10.30 **News; Act Your Age** (FM only): See Choice
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **The Pilgrim's Progress** (LW only): Part 23 of John Bunyan's classic (r)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**: Introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 **Gardeners' Question Time**: Questions from members of the Hunstanton Gardens and Allotments Association (r)
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm **Rent II**, by Lucy Flannery. Starring Barbara Flynn, Patrick Barlow, Linda Polan, Toby Longworth and Vivienne Rochester. Maria is stuck for a subject for her article, Ruby's dissertation is going nowhere and all Paul and Richard can do is ogle supermodels 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; The Happy Auntie**: Stephen Langton's first radio play is about a Filipino student who comes to England. With Mamta Kaash, Zia Mohyeddin and Lyndam Gregory
2.45 **Unbroken Voices**: Children talk about the pains and joys of growing up
3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope**: Quentin Cooper reviews the week's film releases including *Star Trek: Generations*, and a very unusual version of *Romeo and Juliet*
4.45 **Short Story: The Sticky Carpet**, by Frank Ronan. Read by Michael Cashman
5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Counterpoint**: Ned Sherrin presents the music quiz (r)
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **Face the Facts**: With John Waite
7.45 **Medicine Now**: Presented by Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 **Big Bang**: Jez Nelson investigates pill popping to increase your IQ
8.45 **America Atomica**: John Slater looks at America's 50-year love affair with the atom
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: The Initials in the Heart**. Part 8 of a ten-part serialisation of Laurence Whistler's story
11.00 **The Lion in the Sand**: The problems faced by the British-led mandate rule after the First World War (r)
11.30-12.00 **Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation** (FM only): Return of the comedy series. Written by and starring Jeremy Hardy, with Debbie Isitt and Gordon Kennedy (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW only)
12.00-12.34am **News** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Maxey

Obstacles for the life-savers to surmount

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

A forest in Norway, with snow on the ground. A convoy of British Army trucks, headlights ablaze, waits in the dawn light while a young lieutenant of the Commando Logistics Regiment argues with a border guard. What border can this be, in the middle of Norway? Well, that's the point: it's a case of let's pretend. Last night's **Network First: Commando** (ITV) concerned a new kind of war game: an exercise to bring humanitarian aid into a civil war zone, such as Bosnia. But unfortunately, this hapless lieutenant is meeting such resistance from the obtuse foreign border guard ("Giff me your guns! Giff me your guns!") that the whole operation is in jeopardy, and the notional refugees may possibly wait for ever.

The man blocking the operation is, of course, just playing a part. He's a major in the Royal Marines. But this sort of play-acting is confusing to the lay person watching at home. Can't they just skip over this bit? Can't they slip this man some zlotys or something? The hours tick by ("Giff me your guns!" "No, I won't do that. I have explained to you why I won't do that." "Giff me your guns!") and though the young lieutenant keeps his cool, at home the viewer is boiling alive from frustration. "Shoot him!" I yelled. "Take the consequences! You are still in the country of — er, Green and by now you should be in the country of Brown." But still it dragged on.

It was rather brave of the commandos to be filmed during this operation. Clearly, the infiltration of a civil war zone carrying medical supplies is a very tough number, and these commandos made mistakes galore. They shot back at enemy factions who were merely firing at each other; they spent fruitless hours at the border; they got so worried about an unexploded bomb that they forgot their refugees; and they bickered among themselves about lines of communication, rather like characters in crisis in a Tarantino movie. Compared with *ER* or *Casualty*, this was not a well-oiled life-saving machine — but then, that was the point of the exercise: to identify the "choke points". One rather obvious lesson seemed to be: always have your explosives experts near the front. Twice the lieutenant was obliged to send back for them, waiting for ages while his soldiers stood idle in the snow.

Talking of life-saving against the odds, a well-timed **Public Eye** (BBC 2) examined the fire services, and pointed to some of the absurdities they have to deal with, now that "public service" is only part of the portfolio. One: they are paid extra for all call-outs, including hoaxes (ergo, they will be paid less if hoaxes decrease). Two: they are paid nothing for fire prevention work (essential lectures in schools, smoke alarm advice to OAPs, and so on). Three: a tenth of their money goes direct to their pensioners, and this proportion will increase as more firemen retire. Four: we have the best fire-fighting college at Moreton in Marsh that the world has ever seen (apparently), but brigades can't afford to send officers to train there.

You would think the job stressful enough without all this. In Warwickshire, however, the enterprising (and unabashed) chief fire officer has started charging his customers for "special incident" call-outs, such as office workers trapped in lifts, or floods in domestic basements. *Q: When is an incident "special"? A: Well, when it costs you £800, obviously.* Recently the Warwickshire men rescued a woman from a lavatory at an old people's home, and sent a bill for £200. That will teach *them* to dial 999. Meanwhile the brigade boosts its bank balance with interesting sidelines: the non-fiction bestseller Warwickshire Street Maps (the chief fire officer held it up proudly to the camera), a paging service for local councillors, a healthy business in smoke detectors and fire alarms. It may soon also be offering driving lessons (hopefully not in the fire engines).

The Warwickshire men still fight fires, of course, but they are naturally worried that the public will now hesitate before calling. Push this business competition ethic to its logical extreme, and panicking householders will run first to the Yellow Pages and ring round for quotes. "Discount for cash?" they inquire, wildly, as the money catches light in their hands.

Neil MacGregor's excellent **Painting the World** series (BBC 2) ended last night with a brief but illuminating survey of National Gallery paintings from the industrialised age, starting with Joseph Wright's *Experiment With an Air-Pump*, elegantly explored and explained. In this painting we found yet another simulation: not war or fire, this time, but still a matter of life and death. Within the bell jar of the air-pump, a white parrot descends on the wing like the Holy Spirit (was this a pun for theologians — the Paraclete as parakeet?) while a God-like scientific showman, with iron-grey locks, demonstrates the effect of a vacuum, the new and awesome power of science over nature. Dying, the bird gives life to a new age. The painting shows us the exact moment when the scientist restores the bird with air.

Painting the World was a marvellously unfussy series — just man and painting, no wackiness, no personality gimmick. As art history, it was doubtless pretty basic; but then most of us wander around art galleries completely unaware of what we are seeing. MacGregor, as the director of the gallery, presumably has the same tough commercial choices to make as the chief officer of the Warwickshire fire service, so we should give thanks that he chose to make this series. When he is forced to offer driving lessons in Florence, we will know we are really up against it.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (49446)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (62881088)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (9309779)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7302088) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (88944224)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1287514) **12.05 Pebble Mill Special**. Alan Titchmarsh and Gloria Hunniford at the Variety Club Awards in London (s) (2413156) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (75595446)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (20804)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (82313595) **1.50 Timekeepers**. Quiz show (s) (82317311)

2.15 Racing from Ascot. Live coverage of the **2.30** and **3.05** races (s). Continues on BBC2 (6907682)

3.30 Brilliant Gardens. Rula Lenska visits the Chelsea Physic Garden (s) (3060392)

3.35 Cartoon. *Sniffles and the Bookworm* (9758601) **3.45 Sick as a Parrot**. Crossword puzzle programme introduced by Simon Davies (s) (9745137) **4.00 Jackanory**. Imelda Staunton with Jenny Nimmo's story of *Delilah and the Dishwater Dogs* (s) (4618311) **4.10 Potsworth and Co** (r) (5389935) **4.35 The Really Wild Show**. Wildlife magazine. (Ceefax) (s) (5806953)

5.00 Newsround (3367408) **5.05 Elidor**. Last in the fantasy adventure serial. (Ceefax) (s) (9464327)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (645822). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (663)

6.30 Regional news magazines (243). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

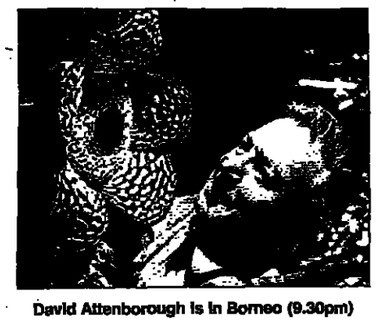
7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel surprises another unsuspecting worthy. (Ceefax) (s) (2750)

7.30 On the Up. Comedy series starring Dennis Waterman as a self-made millionaire (r). (Ceefax) (s) (427). **Wales:** Winter in Wales

8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull with more stories of human achievement. (Ceefax) (s) (397750)

8.45 Points of View. (Ceefax) (s) (544021)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1243)



David Attenborough is in Borneo (9.30pm)

9.30 The Private Life of Plants: Living Together. Sir David Attenborough examines the battle for survival in the plant world. (Ceefax) (s) (586224)

10.20 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of tonight's FA Cup fourth round replays, Benson and Hedges snooker and cricket (s) (82038934)

12.30am FILM: Mistress of Paradise (1981) starring Genevieve Bujold, Chad Everett and Anthony Andrews. Voodoo drama about a newly-wed woman who goes to live on her husband's Louisiana plantation home. Directed by Peter Medak (861712)

2.05 Weather (5157373)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Parents and School (7867446) **6.45** San Marco (8236392) **7.10** Wheels of Progress (3686088) **7.35** The Enlightenment: The Encyclopedie (2046576)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7794040) **8.15 Westminster On-Line** presented by Trevor Phillips (s) (4387040)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2341885) **1.45** You and Me (71127953) **2.00** The Greedysaurus Gang (41859040) **2.05** Spider (41858311)

2.10 Songs of Praise from Crediton (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6519205)

2.45 Myths and Legends associated with the Lake District (s) (9240205)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Snooker**. The Benson and Hedges Masters (s) (8311)

3.30 Racing from Ascot continued from BBC1. The live coverage of the **3.35** (7700750) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3077682)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (156)

4.30 Snooker. Further coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters (s) (28953)



Patrick Stewart as Jean-Luc Picard (6.00pm)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures starring Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax) (s) (968576)

6.45 Dance for the Camera: Touched. A specially commissioned dance piece (s) (503069)

7.00 The World at War narrated by Laurence Olivier (r). (Ceefax) (9779)

8.00 Rhodes around Britain. Gary Rhodes and Cornish cooking (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9040)

8.30 University Challenge. University of Aberdeen meet the Open University for a place in the semi-final (Ceefax) (s) (8175)

9.00 FILM: A Cry for Help — The Tracey Thurman Story (1989) starring Nancy McKeon. A fact-based drama about a woman paralysed by her vicious husband. Directed by Robert Markowitz (Ceefax) (4494)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (140866)

11.15 The Late Show (s) (548430)

11.55 Weather (468224)

12.00 Seize the Fire. Tom Paulin's dramatisation of Aeschylus's *Prometheus Bound* (52880)

12.30am The Record. The day's news from Parliament (26977). Ends at **1.00**

2.00 Night School: Landmarks (60606)

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (35150064)

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CHOICE

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

More than 170,000 elderly and frail people now live in privately-run nursing homes, three times as many as five years ago. The demand for such homes continues to grow, partly because people are living longer but also as a result of the closure of long-stay hospitals run by the National Health Service. This report looks at the largest provider of nursing homes in Britain and investigates criticisms of staffing levels and quality of care. A health authority inspector says experienced nurses are frustrated and unhappy about the way the company operates and feel professionally compromised. The criticisms are refuted by the company's chairman. He insists that a reputation for providing care is their biggest asset.

Crime Story: Hot Dog Wars
ITV, 9.00pm

The latest venture into dramatised true crime charts a gangland war in Leicester over who should be top dog in the hot dog business. Gary Thompson, known as the burger king of the Midlands, leaves prison after serving two years for tax fraud. Soon after regaining his territory, he is murdered on his doorstep by a rival mob. Unfortunately for the dramatic shape of the piece, the perpetrators are quickly arrested. But the unsavoury story rumbles on, with an Italian on one side and an Iraqi on the other, determined to slug it out until the final credits. These reveal what happened to the characters after the narrative stops, arguably the most interesting part of a drama that leaves good actors struggling with one-dimensional parts.



Peter Tatchell and Matthew Parris (C4, 9.45pm)

Out of Order
Channel 4, 9.45pm

Matthew Parris of *The Times* and the gay rights activist Peter Tatchell get stuck in a lift and find themselves discussing different stances on homosexuality. It is not a real breakdown but the gimmick of a new series which brings two protagonists together in a face-to-face debate, unmediated and uninterrupted. The quarter-hour slot precludes more than the briefest skirmish but Parris and Tatchell do their best to raise the dust. Tatchell's argument is that much of the violence and vandalism in society is down to aggressive heterosexual males and that if more men were gay the world would be a more peaceful place. Parris retorts that this is the sort of stereotyping which gives gays a bad name.

The Legend of The Tube
Channel 4, 10.55pm

Depending on your taste, *The Tube* is remembered either for highlighting some of the best new rock bands of the 1980s or exposing the nation's youth to bad language and even worse behaviour. This retrospective, fronted by the show's original presenters Jools Holland and Paula Yates, covers both. Archive footage recalls the first television appearances of Paul Young and early ones by Wet Wet Wet and Frankie Goes to Hollywood. It also shows Rik Mayall being disgustingly sick before the camera. Yates calls the show anarchic. Holland says much of it was shoddy. Everyone agrees it was like no other pop programme. A 13-part series of highlights, *The Best of The Tube*, starts next week.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (1836069)

9.25 Chain Letters (4189750) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2326934)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (4445601)

10.35 This Morning (90589311) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1283798)

12.30 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (4102205)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (4110224) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (61769750)

1.55 Capital Woman investigates the claim that rugby is the fastest growing women's sport in Britain (94474999) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Billy Moss meets a mermaid on the beach (s) (61187069)

2.50 Blue Heelers. Australian police drama (9997330)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7656514) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7655885)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (9751798) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3075224) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (7708392) **4.15 Reboot** (s) (8434804) **4.40 The Tomorrow People** (Teletext) (4980494)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2519296)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (312576)

5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views (822446)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (359)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (311)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes are joined by Cannon and Ball, impressionist Simon Upson and violinist Vanessa Mae (s) (7446)



Terence Hillyer and Simon Gregson (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Steve (Simon Gregson) is told to settle his gambling debts by bookie Sean Skinner (Terence Hillyer). (Teletext) (595)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer's guests are Spike Milligan, Phil Cool, Linda La Plante and Hale and Pace. Plus music from Jodie and Mike and the Mechanics (s) (5953)

9.00 NEW **Crime Story: Hot Dog Wars** (Teletext) (5717)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (42359)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (898021)

10.40 The Carlton Forum for the Future of London Alastair Stewart presents a major debate on the future of the capital. Seven top past and present decision-makers will be grilled by the London Research Centre's Ann Page and Tony Travers from the London School of Economics (s) (883934)

11.40 Magnum. With Tom Selleck (755682)

12.45am Alien Nation (s) (4076624)

1.35 Hollywood Report (s) (8976373)

2.05 The Beat with Gary Crowley (s) (6935002)

3.00 The Album Show includes a look at REM's album *Monster* (s) (64118)

4.00 NEW **Shift**. Young producers and directors bring music, documentaries and comedy to the small screen (9189170)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (6130354)

5.30 ITN Morning News (57335). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Sandokan (r) (8247408)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (27175)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (29408)

9.30 Schools: Living and Growing (9307392) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (9320243) **10.02** Stage Two Science (6103243) **10.18** Mind Your Own Business (6182750) **10.40** Living with Technology (1067392) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (6572408) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9792953) **11.15** The Music Show (2180798) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3445576) **11.45** First Edition (s) (3473359)

12.00 House To House. Political magazine series presented by Maya Even (32972)

12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning entertainment. Today's guest is tennis star Michael Chang (16311)

1.30 Take 5 featuring *Mister Men, Tales from the Riverbank, Natalie, Ivor the Engine* and *Joggy Bear* (r) (57779)

2.00 Supersafe with SuperTed. Animated adventures of the Welsh bear (41851408)

2.05 To Heal a Nation (1988) starring Eric Roberts, Glynis O'Connor and Scott Paulin. A fact-based, made-for-television drama about a Vietnam War veteran's campaign to persuade the authorities to build a memorial in Washington, DC. Directed by Michael Pressman (730682)

4.00 Journeyman. In the South of England Clive Gunnell learns the art of thatching. (Teletext) (s) (224)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (408)

5.00 Rickl Lake: My Family's A Mess . . . Please Make Us Over. A team of fashion and beauty experts transform ugly duckling families into swans. (Teletext) (s) (7962514)

5.50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoon series (812069)

6.00 The Crystal Maze (r). (Teletext) (s) (66427)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (184972)

7.50 The Slot (993088)

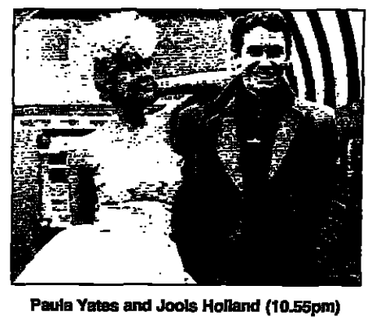
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (1408)

8.30 Travelog. Pete McCarthy reports from Hong Kong, China and Macao (Teletext) (s) (79972)

9.00 NEW **Dispatches.** (Teletext) (319408)

9.45 NEW **Out of Order.** (Teletext) (s) (693040)

10.00 ER: Day One. American medical drama series. (Teletext) (197514)



Paula Yates and Jools Holland (10.55pm)

10.55 NEW **The Legend of the Tube** (487934)

11.30 Moviewatch. Includes an interview with Alan Parker (r) (s) (98175)

12.00 LA Law. American courtroom drama series (s) (7037828)

12.55am Love To Be In Love. A jazz documentary biopic of Maxine Sullivan (r) (s) (9550202)

1.55 FILM: Bulldog Drummond (1929, b/w) starring Ronald Colman, in his "talkie" debut, and Joan Bennett. Sapper's army officer adventurer helps to rescue a man from the clutches of sadistic villains. Directed by F. Richard Jones (513880). Ends **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82301750) **2.20** Gardening Time (61162750) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9997330) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2519296) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (223040) **10.40** Dillinger (91888175) **12.30am** The Album Show (89977) **1.30** Hollywood Report (41915) **2.00** America's Top Ten (1915712) **2.25** Shift (7931915) **3.15** The Little Picture Show (4522118) **4.10** The Time . the Place (94786847) **4.40** On the Live Side (90705267) **5.00-5.30** The Munsters Today (89199)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82301750) **2.20** Gardening Time (61162750) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9997330) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2519296) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (223040) **10.40-12.45pm** Deathtrap (23325663) **4.00am** Jobfinder (3772422) **6.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8066625)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (4110224) **1.25** Home and Away (30789406) **1.50** Highway to Heaven (7050750) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (9997330) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2519296) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (223040) **10.40** Being There (883934) **11.40** The Equalizer (755682) **12.45am** Alien Nation (4076624) **1.35** Hollywood Report (97676373) **2.05** The Beat (6935002) **3.00** The Album Show (64118) **4.00** Shift (9189170) **4.55-5.30** The Time . the Place (6130354)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Good Health! (94474999) **2.25** Simply Delicious (61161021) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7185663) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2519296) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (311) **10.40-12.45pm** Tough Enough (23325663)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55am-10.00 HTV Wales News (2328934) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales' News and Weather (1283798) **1.55-2.25** Only Yesterday (94474999) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (7655885) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (311) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (898021)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2328934) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1283798) **1.55** A Country Practice (82301750) **2.20** Getaways (61162750) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9997330) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (7655885) **5.10** Home and Away (2519296) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (802682) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (359) **6.30-7.00** The Village (311) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (8980211) **10.40** Dillinger (91888175) **12.30am** The Album Show (89977) **1.30** Hollywood Report (41915) **2.00** America's Top Ten (1915712) **2.25** Shift (7931915) **3.15** The Little Picture Show (4522118) **4.10** The Time . the Place (94786847) **4.40** On the Live Side (90705267) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (89199)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2328934) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1292446) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1291717) **1.55** High Road (94474999) **2.25-2.55** The West at Work (81161021) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News, Weather (7655885) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2519296) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (68885) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (898021) **10.40-12.45pm** The Oman (23325663)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (2328934) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale. Network North (1283798) **1.55** A Country Practice (82301750) **2.20** Masters of Beauty (61162750) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9997330) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Bilsdale. Network North (7655885) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2519296) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (527243) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (311) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (898021) **10.40** Street Legal (893311) **11.35** Tit (86294458) **1.40am** Hollywood Report (8975644) **2.10** Videofashion (8247828) **2.40** The Album Show (9505335) **3.40** Noisy Mothers (5086828) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (1705199)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (27175) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (29408) **9.30** Ysgolion (9842244) **12.00pm** House To House (32972) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (584088) **1.00** Sesame Street (46663) **2.00** Siege Of The Saxons (571953) **3.35** Very Polite Gustav (9741311) **3.45** High Interest: Not Just Las Vegas (9542021) **4.30** The Cosby Show Particles in Motion (408) **5.00** 5 Pump (5358392) **5.20** 5 Pump (3354934) **5.30** Countdown (208) **6.00** Newyddion (559088) **6.15** Heno (9800691) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5088) **7.30** Tip Top (137) **8.00** Pengelli (1408) **8.30** Newyddion (3243) **9.00** Dim Ond Cell (314088) **9.35** Rap (228750) **10.00** Brookside (33801) **10.30** E R (802069) **11.25** Dispatches (732021) **12.10am** The Golden Girls (1062335) **12.40** Elen (1084625)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (44663) **8.00** Power Rangers (2335595) **8.45** Oprah Winfrey (9439021) **9.30** Card Sharks (98040) **10.00** Concentration (29069) **10.30** Candid Camera (787981) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (46224) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (52750) **12.30pm** E Street (15476) **1.00** St Elsewhere (97311) **2.00** I'll Take Manhattan (207981) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (1142972) **3.50** DJ Kat (47514227) **4.30** Power Rangers (1156) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4137) **6.00** Gamesworld (2021) **6.30** Blockbusters (66011) **7.00** E Street (5666) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2885) **8.00** September Starring Jacqueline Bisset (21392) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (40427) **11.00** David Letterman (305866) **11.50** Littlejohn (449755) **12.40am** Chances (7926248) **1.30** Night Court (12480) **2.00-6.00** Home (5659847)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (9163205) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (56866) **10.30** ABC Nightline (69040) **11.00** World News and Business (403934) **1.30pm** CBS News (42175) **2.30** Parliament Live (62311) **4.00** World News and Business (92392) **5.00** Live at Five (2351427) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (70320069) **8.00** World News and Business (61682) **9.30** Coverage of the O J Simpson Trial (147866) **12.30am** ABC News (14557) **1.30** Fashion TV (92915) **2.30** Parliament Replay (91296) **4.30** CBS News (27199) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (99335)

SKY MOVIES

6.10am Showcase (50225514) **10.00 The Rare Breed** (1966) (15412) **12.00 Captive Hearts** (1987) (27601) **2.00pm Wizards** (1977) (31779) **4.00 A Million to One** (1993) (41217445) **5.55 The News Boys** (1992) (87388427) **8.00 Ruby Cairo** (1992) (56088) **10.00 Appointment for a Killing** (1993) (443601) **11.35 Mirror Images II** (1993) (768717) **1.10am Lock Up Your Daughters** (1969) (908909) **2.50 Timebomb** (1991) (944151) **4.25-6.00 A Million to One** (1993) As 4pm (772422)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm And Now Tomorrow (1944) (33175) **8.00 The Naked and the Dead** (1958) (23213175) **10.10-12.00 How to Get Ahead in Advertising** (1989) (353866)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Great Imposter (1960) (60601) **8.00 Dunderklumpen** (1973) (48232) **10.00 West of Zanzibar** (1954) (15507205) **11.50 Little Miss Broadway** (1938) (3648866) **1.05pm Planet of the Turtleoids** (8956866) **2.00 The Great Missouri Raid** (1950) (22021) **4.00 Dunderklumpen** As 8am (41215088) **5.55 Trapped Beneath the Earth** (1993) (16306156) **7.30 Special Feature** (5595) **8.00 The Player** (1992) (65574601) **10.05 Passenger 57** (1993) (7584243) **11.30 The Tonya and Nancy Story** (1994) (767088) **1.05am The Last Hit** (1993) (9182856) **2.40 You Talkin' to Me?** (9514411) **4.15-8.00 Trapped Beneath the Earth** (1993): As 5 55pm (432267)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (97627791) **7.15** WWF Superstars (201885) **8.15** Soccer News (2742576) **8.30** ABC Ten Pin Bowling (76359) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (49359) **10.00** Grass Roots Rugby (69427) **10.30** Tartan Extra (52576) **11.30** Snowboard Tour (55885) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (943111) **12.30pm** A-Z of Sport (56392) **1.30** Opposite Lock (67021) **2.30** Grass Roots Rugby (44068) **3.00** Tartan Extra (59801) **4.00** Frisbee (80885) **4.30** Freestyle Skiing (7972) **5.00** WWF Challenge (5363) **6.00** Soccer News (8930691) **6.15** Boots 'n' All (882066) **7.00** FA Cup Replay, Live: Wolves v Sheffield Wednesday; AC Milan v Arsenal (3803779) **10.30** Soccer News (292309) **10.45** The Rugby Club (891682) **11.45** Boots 'n' All (534601) **12.30-3.30am** FA Cup Replay and European Super Cup (2653915)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Eurosport (77972) **8.30** Eurotennis (61427) **9.30** Figure Skating (54601) **11.30** Eurosport (67224) **12.30pm** Eurotennis (81088) **1.30** Snooker (41363) **3.30** Equestrianism (31494) **4.30** Freestyle Skiing (62156) **5.30** Live Ski Jumping (16953) **7.30** Eurosport News (9999) **8.00** Boxing (69576) **10.00** Motors Magazine (43040) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (45536)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (6492953) **8.30** Peyton Place (6491224) **9.00** As the World Turns (7067412) **10.00** Guiding Light (61141561) **11.00-12.00** Another World (6194392)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Getaway — Australia (6495040) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1440224) **1.00** Roads to Freedom (6105406) **1.30** The Real Food of China (1499595) **2.00** California's Gold (8762069) **2.30** Ticket to Paradise (7583205) **3.00** Venice Special (8741576) **3.30** Caribbean Vacation (7598750) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (7517885) **4.30** Zoo Life (7513069) **5.00** Cruising the Globe (8746021) **5.30** The Real Food of China (7597021) **6.00** Getaway (7594934) **6.30** Video Trips — New Orleans (75185141) **7.00** America (8648885) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (8742205) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (6754040) **9.00** Getaway (1368717) **9.30** Video Trips (1460068) **10.00** America (8847156) **11.00** Cruising the Globe (1338834) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (2827392)

TLC

9.00am Blitz on Cartooning (2340224) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (1390682) **10.00** Transplant Families (4270140) **10.30** Only Human (6318798) **11.30** Class by Class (4184137) **12.00** Breaking the Habit (2360088) **12.30pm** Life is for Living (1301798) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (7625214) **1.30** Blitz on Cartooning (1300069) **2.00** Jimmy's (4048021) **2.30** Cash in Hand (2074068) **3.00** Stars and Gardens (4057156) **3.30-4.00** It's a Vet's Life (2046205)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4475791) **7.30** Neighbours (14254761) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2369359) **8.30** EastEnders (2351330) **9.00** The Bill (2342682) **9.30** Buccaneer (4805427) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (6310156) **11.30** No Place Like Home (4186595) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2362448) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1300158) **1.00** EastEnders (5825232) **1.30** The Bill (1302427) **2.00** Blass This House (4057779) **2.30** Citizen Smith (2076446) **3.00** Knots Landing (41803111) **4.00** Dallas (41109446) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4171595) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (9230350) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (9530068) **6.30** EastEnders (2068427) **7.00** Citizen Smith (4051595) **7.30** Blass This House (2057311) **8.00** Going Straight (4060243) **8.30** Carry On Laughing (4049750) **9.00** Fox (9404934) **10.00** The Bill (2363175) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7571392) **11.10** The Young Ones (3834798) **11.50** Dr Who (3127330) **12.20am** FILM: A Tale of Two Cities: with Dirk Bogarde (14804821) **2.25** Shopping (59773198)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (1649392) **6.55** Garfield (91230699) **7.25** Eek the Cat (9223156) **7.55** Pugwall's Summer (3834021) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (1313069) **8.45** Casper (9012601) **9.00** Sesame Street (79137) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (58021) **12.00** Garfield (30137) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (72601) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (19779) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (97889755) **1.45** Baby Follies (68534048) **2.00** Barney (1224) **2.30** Babar (8866) **3.00** Casper (5835972) **3.15** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (114750) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (1130211) **4.15** Head to Head (1229717) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (1330)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickelivel (1982773) **7.15** Pee-Wee (225205) **7.45** Rugrats (224576) **8.15** Doug (340088) **8.45** Nickelivel (9073601) **9.00** Nick Jr (238198) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (82953) **12.30pm** Muppet Show (41717) **1.00** Galaxy High (82040) **1.30** Banana Sandwich (40088) **2.00** Denver (5408) **2.30** Smoggies (5750) **3.00** Nick Faves (7249) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7585) **4.00** Doug (93301) **4.30** Rugrats (5514) **5.00** Clarissa (9088) **5.30** Secret World of Alex Mac (6866) **6.00** Grimmy (3779) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (7359)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Tidal Wetlands (2058040) **4.30** Held in Trust (2054224) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (4062601) **5.30** Terra X (1028750) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (8932682) **7.00** Predators (9406392) **8.00** Invention (4068855) **8.30** Nature Watch (4047392) **9.00** Nova (9402576) **10.00** Blood and Iron (9405863) **11.00-12.00** Space Age (4584251)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: I Live in Grosvenor Square (1945) (4288330) **2.00pm** The Avengers (4276595) **3.00** Rat Patrol (4054682) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (2073359) **4.00** FILM: The Body in the Plastic Bubble (1975): Medical drama with John Travolta (4065786) **6.00** The Protectors (2082243) **6.30** Cannon (2302796) **7.30** Scotland Yard (2059779) **8.00** The Avengers (9419866) **8.00** The Twilight Zone (4190798) **9.30** FILM: A Handful of Rain (1957) (3145798) **11.30-12.00** Gerry Shendling (4264750)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5156885) **7.00** Living Magazine (1497427) **8.00** Ornamental Kitchen Garden (3822448) **8.30** Rendezvous (3821717) **9.00** Take Six Cooks (5047224) **9.35** Now You See It (2079972) **10.00** Trivia Trap (8387750) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (3801853) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3816412) **12.00** Rendezvous (3822205) **12.30pm** Kilroy (41103822) **1.30** Bazaar (3700779) **2.00** Agony Hour (9395779) **3.00** Living Magazine (8636392) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (98633866) **4.00** Infatuation (8133750) **4.30** Trivia Trap (38752682) **4.55** Marco (67567507) **5.30** Kate and Allie (6153514) **6.00** The Susan Powter Show (6150427) **8.30** Intaxuation (61417799) **7.00** Living Magazine (7768088) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7742408) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (7756972) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (7785359) **11.00** The New Mr and Mrs Show (4328427) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (8383934)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Mouse (2576) **5.30** Cliff Hanger (2662) **6.00** The Big Dish (900796) **6.25** All Clued Up (950717) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (5040) **7.30** My Two Dads (9359) **8.00** Anne of Green Gables (51250) **9.00** Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie: Kissing the Gunner's Daughter Wexford investigates a massacre at the home of an eccentric novelist (17137) **11.00** Lou Grant (29156) **12.00** Rhoda (70248) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (42977) **1.00** Danger Mouse (57083) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (90286) **2.00** Bordertown (39054) **2.30** Aircan Sides (49199) **3.00** Lou Grant (71460) **4.00** Rhoda (44644) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (45248)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (10996) **6.30** The Grind (92514) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (26682) **8.00** VJ Inge (935243) **11.00** Soul (85791) **12.00** Greatest Hits (80868) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (21589) **3.00** The Pulse (2717) **3.30** Report (55822243) **

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Rampant McDermott speeds England to heaviest defeat of series

Atherton urges infusion of youth

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN PERTH

MICHAEL ATHERTON'S instant response to another crushing Test defeat here yesterday was an impassioned plea to his employers. Tired and drawn, the England captain clutched a sheet of notes that looked suspiciously like a resignation speech but transpired to be only a prompt for a mind weary almost beyond words.

An hour earlier England had lost the final Test by 329 runs and the series by three games to one. It was their fourth consecutive heavy series loss to Australia and an eighth defeat in the last nine. It is a woeful record and Atherton was grimly aware of the usual consequences for a man in his position.

"A captain is only judged by results and ours have been poor," he said. "I am keen to do this job again but whether I am captain or not, I would implore the selectors to invest in youth. It is the only way forward for us now."

Giving voice to the views that have hardened within him during this difficult tour, Atherton confirmed that he had felt "less empathy" with this tour party than the younger squad which played in the Caribbean last winter. "It is just a feeling and one I can't really expand on, except to say we weren't as united or focused on the job as we were last year."

Identical emotions were expressed by Graham Gooch when he led the last tour of Australia. He, too, had been in charge in the West Indies a few months earlier and found that he could not recreate the same purposeful atmosphere. Both may have believed the waters were muddied by too many senior players.

Atherton, while anxious not to deride the contributions of Gooch and Mike Gatting, is now keen to create a team in his own generation and personality. "The selection for this tour was done specifically with the short-term aim of winning back the Ashes. We have not done that and it is time to look ahead. We have a lot of good young players and we must back them."

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GRAHAM MORRIS



Fletcher, the team manager, Atherton, DeFreitas and Gatting reflect on the implications of yet another ill-fated campaign during the presentation ceremony

He was careful to blame neither the unprecedented saga of injuries nor the unrelenting schedule since last January for the emphatic defeat here. But he did admit: "After 13 months on the road I feel as if I have hit a brick wall. I am completely knackered and I know some of the others feel the same. I tried to give my all and raise my game here but I couldn't quite do it."

Such helplessness was evident in Atherton's dismissal to the twelfth ball of the final day, a wicket which left England at 27 for six and confronted by the starkest of their many recent embarrassments. For the second time in the match, Atherton was caught down the leg side by Ian Healy as he followed a ball from Glenn McGrath.

He did not wait for the appeal to be answered, giving himself out and trudging slowly away. As he walked through the dressing-room gate he swatted a chair with his bat in frustration. He was shaking his head in the fashion that had him fined by an over-zealous match referee at the Oval last August but, this time, nobody expressed anything but sympathy, for his expression told of a man who has given his all in vain.

Salvation was at hand from the worst indignities, at least. Mark Ramprakash, whose shelved Test career has been given renewed life, seized the opportunity of a lost cause to play some compelling strokes. In partnership with Steve Rhodes, who more than doubled his grim run aggregate for the series, he added 68 for the seventh wicket.

This skittish interlude was ended by Mark Waugh, a spare-time bowler taking his eighth wicket in three innings, and when Mark Taylor, Australia's captain, decided he wanted it all over before lunch, he had only to throw the ball to Craig McDermott.

In the latter part of this series, McDermott has seen almost as many hospital wards as cricket grounds, yet the suspicion that his history of unfitness was about to overwhelm him once again has been triumphantly dispelled. Picking up the last three wickets inside two overs, courtesy of an inswinging yorker, an outswinger and, for Devon Malcolm, the obligatory straight one, he finished with six for 38 and 32 wickets in the series. While Shane Warne's influence receded, if only temporarily, McDermott maintained a remarkably high standard.

Deservedly, he was named the International Cricketer of the Year and presented with two new cars, one of which he proceeded to drive around the outfield while Healy took the wheel of the other.

It was a cordial end to a series that both captains agreed had been played in a fine spirit. Over-rates were a persistent problem to England, who were fined 15 per cent of their match fee for the second successive game, but, given the tensions of Ashes contests, examples of offensive behaviour were admirably rare.

Taylor graciously offered some optimism for English ears. "We have obviously been better than England for four series now, but this one was a bit different," he said. "At halfway I thought we'd win three or four-nil. But we got a slap in the face in Adelaide, which did us good, and it reflects well on Atherton and his players that they could come back so well."

But the revival ended here, with a resounding crash. "What cost us this game was our fielding," Atherton said. "It has dogged us from day one of the tour." As he said it, one could tell that day one seemed an awfully long time ago.

ASHES SERIES

England have lost six of their last nine series against Australia — and all of their last four, each by large margins.

Series	P	E won	A won	D
1979-80	3	0	3	0
1981	6	3	1	2
1982-83	5	1	2	2
1985	6	3	1	2
1986-87	5	2	1	2
1989	6	0	4	2
1990-91	5	0	3	2
1993	6	1	4	1
1994-95	5	1	3	1
Totals	47	11	22	14

Two one-off Tests in 1980 and 1987-88 were drawn.

Conviction prompts England to leave out Wise

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE international future of Dennis Wise, the Chelsea and England midfield player, is in jeopardy as a result of yesterday's convictions for criminal damage and common assault for breaking a taxi window and attacking the driver.

After he had met Terry Venables, the England manager, it was announced that he would no longer be a member of the squad for next week's international with the Republic of Ireland.

Earlier, a London magistrate had warned Wise that he was facing "a serious risk" of jail when sentence is passed on March 13.

"Like Dennis, I am deeply shocked by what has happened and I am sorry he will not be joining us for the match," Venables said. "But we both agreed that in the interests of the England team, this is the right decision."

However, Chelsea said Wise would retain the club captaincy, beginning with the FA Cup replay against Millwall at Stamford Bridge tonight. The FA Premiership club pointed out that Wise had been removed as captain after the incident on October 8 and had been reinstated on January 28, because of his "excellent attitude" during the time he was not captain.

A statement, issued by Glenn Hoddle, the player-manager, and Colin Hutchinson, the managing director, said: "We do not condone what Dennis has been found guilty of doing, but we feel that it would be wrong for us to punish him again as this was not a football-related incident and any punishment will be decided by the courts."

Wise, who was outstanding in England' 1-0 win over Nigeria in November, was leaving Venables' club, Scribes West, with a girlfriend and two other friends, when the incident occurred.

The court verdict is another blow to the image of the national game, which has been so damaged in recent weeks. The Football Association has had to investigate allegations of sleaze as well as Eric Cantona's assault on a member of the crowd at Crystal Palace.

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PERTH SCOREBOARD

Australia won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings
M J Slater c Lewis b DeFreitas ... 124 (297min, 231 balls, 13 fours)
*M A Taylor c Rhodes b Lewis ... 9 (58min, 36 balls)
D C Boon c Ramprakash b Lewis .. 1 (10min, 8 balls)
M E Waugh c DeFreitas b Lewis . 88 (243min, 177 balls, 10 fours)
S R Waugh not out ... 89 (282min, 183 balls, 1 five, 12 fours)
G S Blewett c Rhodes b Fraser 20 (73min, 67 balls, 3 fours)
†I A Healy c Lewis b DeFreitas 12 (59min, 38 balls, 1 four)
S K Warne c Rhodes b DeFreitas ... 1 (27min, 17 balls)
J Angel run out (Malcolm/Rhodes) 11 (67min, 43 balls, 2 fours)
G D McGrath run out (DeFreitas) 0 (18min, 10 balls)
C McDermott run out (Lewis/Gooch) 6 (27min, 15 balls)
Extras (b 14, lb 4, w 4, nb 9)31
Total (135.5 overs, 590min) ... 402

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47 (Slater 33), 2-55 (Slater 38), 3-238 (M E Waugh 85), 4-247 (S R Waugh 5), 5-287 (S R Waugh 24), 6-320 (S R Waugh 45), 7-328 (S R Waugh 50), 8-386 (S R Waugh 89), 9-388 (S R Waugh 91).
BOWLING: Malcolm 31-6-93-0; DeFreitas 29-8-91-3; Fraser 32-11-84-1; Lewis 31.5-8-73-3; Gooch 1-1-0-0; Ramprakash 11-0-43-0.

Second Innings
*M A Taylor b Fraser ... 52 (185min, 122 balls, 8 fours)
M J Slater c Atherton b Fraser ... 45 (82min, 55 balls, 8 fours)
J Angel run out (Gooch) ... 0 (7min, 5 balls)
D C Boon c Rhodes b Malcolm ... 18 (44min, 31 balls, 4 fours)
M E Waugh c Rhodes b DeFreitas . 1 (21min, 14 balls)
S R Waugh c Ramprakash b Lewis 80 (215min, 141 balls, 9 fours)
G S Blewett c Malcolm b Lewis . 115 (202min, 158 balls, 19 fours)
†I A Healy not out ... 11 (27min, 14 balls)
S K Warne c Lewis b Malcolm ... 6 (15min, 12 balls)
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 7) ... 17
Total (8 wkts dec, 90.3 overs, 404min) 345
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75 (Taylor 26), 2-79 (Taylor 30), 3-102 (Taylor 35), 4-115 (Taylor 47), 5-123 (S R Waugh 3), 6-326 (Blewett 114), 7-333 (Healy 5), 8-345 (Healy 11).
BOWLING: Malcolm 23.3-3-105-2; Fraser 21-3-74-2; Lewis 16-1-71-2; DeFreitas 22-10-54-1; Ramprakash 8-1-31-0.
ENGLAND: First Innings
G A Gooch lbw b M E Waugh ... 37 (101min, 76 balls, 4 fours)
*M A Atherton c Healy b McGrath .. 4 (7min, 3 balls, 1 four)
M W Gatting b McGrath ... 0 (1min, 1 ball)
G P Thorpe st Healy b Warne ... 123 (301min, 218 balls, 19 fours)
J P Crawley c Warne b M E Waugh 0 (2min, 3 balls)
M R Ramprakash b Warne ... 72 (240min, 178 balls, 11 fours)
†S J Rhodes b Angel ... 2 (22min, 16 balls)
C C Lewis c Blewett b McGrath ... 40 (80min, 62 balls, 8 fours)
P A J DeFreitas b Angel ... 0 (7min, 6 balls)
A R C Fraser c Warne b Angel ... 9 (48min, 18 balls, 1 four)
D E Malcolm not out ... 0 (4min, 1 ball)
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 3) ... 8
Total (96.3 overs, 402min) ... 295

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5 (Gooch 0), 2-5 (Gooch 0), 3-77 (Thorpe 35), 4-77 (Thorpe 35), 5-235 (Ramprakash 63), 6-246 (Ramprakash 72), 7-246 (Lewis 0), 8-247 (Lewis 1), 9-293 (Fraser 7).
BOWLING: Angel 22.3-7-65-3; McGrath 25-6-68-3; Blewett 4-1-9-0; M E Waugh 9-2-29-2, Warne 23-8-58-2; McDermott 13-5-41-0.

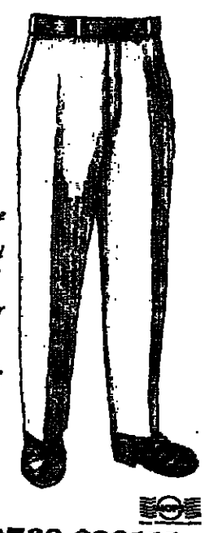
Second Innings
G A Gooch c and b McDermott ... 4 (11min, 12 balls)
*M A Atherton c Healy b McGrath .. 8 (73min, 43 balls, 1 four)
M W Gatting b McDermott ... 8 (16min, 14 balls, 1 four)
A R C Fraser lbw b McGrath ... 5 (21min, 13 balls)
G P Thorpe c Taylor b McGrath ... 0 (1min, 1 ball)
J Crawley c M Waugh b McDermott 0 (6min, 4 balls)
M R Ramprakash c S R Waugh b M E Waugh ... 42 (70min, 57 balls, 5 fours)
†S J Rhodes not out ... 39 (105min, 73 balls, 4 fours)
C C Lewis lbw b McDermott ... 11 (36min, 26 balls, 2 fours)
P DeFreitas c Taylor b McDermott 0 (9min, 5 balls)
D E Malcolm b McDermott ... 0 (2min, 3 balls)
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 4) 6
Total (41 overs, 179min) ... 123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4 (Atherton 0), 2-17 (Atherton 4), 3-26 (Atherton 8), 4-26 (Atherton 8), 5-27 (Atherton 8), 6-27 (Ramprakash 0), 7-85 (Rhodes 22), 8-121 (Rhodes 37), 9-123 (Rhodes 39).
BOWLING: McDermott 15-4-38-6 (nb 2; 11-3-26-3, 4-1-10-3); McGrath 13-4-40-3 (nb 2, w 1; one spell); Angel 3-0-20-0 (one spell); Warne 7-3-11-0 (one spell); M E Waugh 3-0-13-1 (nb 1; one spell)

Australia won by 329 runs
Match award: S R Waugh.
Series award: C J McDermott.
Match attendance: 70,113.
Umpires: K E Liebenberg (South Africa) and S G Randell (Australia).
TV replay umpire: T A Prue.
Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).
PREVIOUS MATCHES: First Test (Brisbane): Australia won by 184 runs. Second Test (Melbourne): Australia won by 295 runs. Third Test (Sydney): Match drawn. Fourth Test (Adelaide): England won by 106 runs.
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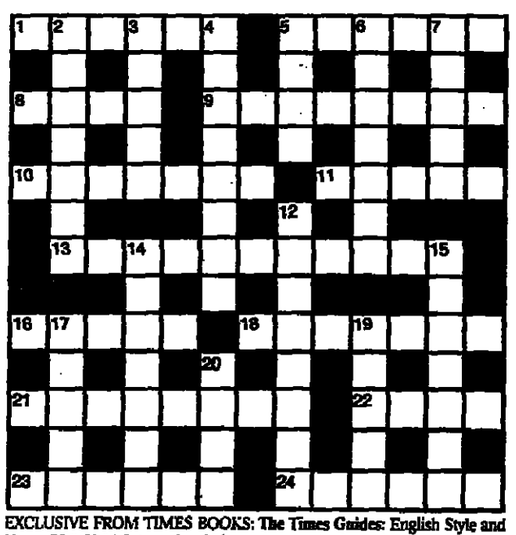


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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 390

ACROSS
1 Outcome (6)
5 Amuse; tiny touch (6)
8 Noisy; tasteless (4)
9 Very quickly (2,2,4)
10 Vigilant, unsleeping (7)
11 Landed estate, has lord (5)
13 Be very expensive (4,1,6)
16 Silly act; eccentric building (5)
18 Inhabited (7)
21 Naturally (2,6)
22 Fluent and superficially convincing (4)
23 Attachment to start of word (6)
24 Upper house (6)

DOWN
2 Unimaginative (7)
3 Living fence; be evasive (5)
4 Court of inquiry (8)
5 Strong flavour; Chinese dynasty (4)
6 Retrench, prune (3,4)
7 Place, state in which one is ignored (5)
12 Without foundation (8)
14 Disposed of (to purchaser) (4,3)
15 *Murder in the Cathedral* poet (1,1,5)
17 Present for acceptance (5)
19 Heathen (5)
20 Decisive stage; knotty problem (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 389

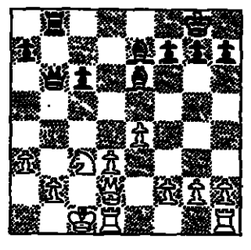
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DOWN: 1 Tender 2 Felt 3 Apache 4 Welt 6 Middlemarch 8 Play for time 10 Crypt 14 Ravel 16 Toffee 18 Sleuth 19 Toby 21 Lash

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Schamayev - Ufimzev, Leningrad 1949. It is often dangerous to have only one piece defending a key point, as that piece may be lured away by the opponent. This is the crux of this position. Black to play.



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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

APOGAMY
a. Marrying out of the tribe
b. The lower spleen
c. Asexual reproduction

BILIAN
a. A hormone
b. Ironwood
c. An artificial element

DOLMUS
a. A shared taxi
b. The fieldmouse or corn shrew
c. A chickpea dip

GALAX
a. A gladiator's helmet
b. A shiny shrub
c. The front row of a phalanx

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